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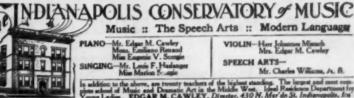
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SOME RARE PORTRAITS AND INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF WAGNER.-II.

BY ARTHUR M. ABELL.

It was a little more than two and three-quarter years after "The Flying Dutchman" première that "Tannhäuser" was first produced at the Dresden Royal Opera, this being the first Wagner première that had occurred there within three years. "Tannhäuser" was given on October 19, 1845. The accompanying facsimile of the original program will be found of interest. We meet here again with the name of the famous Mme. Schroeder-Devrient, who sang the part of Venus. Tichatschek gave the title role more impetuous Tannhäuser probably never lived. In speaking of this initial "Tannhäuser" rendition, Wagner wrote:

"The public at the very start was deprived of the possibility of having the right conception of the drama, because as laboring under the delusion that it was not to hear a drama, but an opera, in which the main thing for them was the pleasure to be afforded their ears. They expected

enjoyment from their nerves of hearing and for them the singing of arias was the principal thing." Wagner principal thing." was never satisfied. After several reptitions of "Tannhäuser" he wrote: "I gradually succeeded in getting the opera introduced, thanks to the good will of the direction and above all to the zeal and talents of the singers. I will leave it, however, to any just person to decide whether twenty repetitions of the opera, with calls for the compose: at each, could compensate me for the bitter knowledge that a large part of the applause is due to a misun-derstanding of my artistic

The accompanying picture of Tichatschek as Tannhäuser and Mme. Schroeder-Devrient as Venus is from a drawing made at the time. I do not know who the artist was, but the original drawing is now in the possession of Julius Nilius, of Vienna. Tichatschek was a remarkable, temperamental singer, but as an actor he fell far short of Wagner's mark. Wagner himself wrote of him:

"The first Tannhäuser was an admirable singer, but he was so steeped in the old style opera that he could not succeed in grasping the characteristic features of the text, which made greater demands upon his histrionic than upon his vocal abilities. That place in the debut of the second finale ('Zum Heil den Sündigen zu führen') I was obliged

to strike out after the first performance in Dresden, because Tichatschek, who was then in the full possession of his brilliant vocal powers, could not grasp the meaning of this ecstatic depression."

Wagner made such enormous demands upon the singers that few wholly understood him. On the occasion of Tichatschek's fortieth jub'lee Wagner sent him the following telegram of congratulation:

> "Vierzig Jahre brav gesungen, Manchen Ehrenkranz errungen, Wachtelschlag und Peitscheknall Kühn entgegend überall, Aller Tenoristen Schreck Preise ich mein Tlehatschek.

Joseph Tichatschek was born in 1807 and died in 1886. wo singers who met with Wagner's full approval were Madame Schroeder-Devrient and Albert Niemann. The



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veteran Niemann, who is still living here in Berlin, was the hero of the first performance of the "Ring" in 1876 and many subsequent Bayreuth festivals. It was he who sang the title role in that famous production of "Tannsang the title role in that famous production of "Tann-häuser" in Paris in 1861, which was the occasion of one of the greatest operatic scandals in the annals of music. A facsimile of the original program of that memorable performance is herewith given; also a picture of Niemann as Tannhäuser at that time. The photograph shows him in his Pilgrim's dress in the last act. As is well known the work had a tremendous fiasco in Paris.

Wagner himself wrote of the affair as follows: "It was

the business of the Jockey Club to see to it that this opera without a ballet should not be presented to them evening after evening, so they brought a number of hunting whistles and similar instruments, with thev which maneuvred against 'Tannhäuser' in the most callous fashion. Te was in vain that the Emperor himself applauded my work; until the very close the applause was accompanied by screeching and whistling." In spite of this fiasco "Tannhäuser" was twice given and the management of the Grand



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would have given it oftener had not Wagner himself withdrawn it. The composer received a fee of 750 francs for the three performances, or fifty dollars for each performance. Niemann had been engaged for the entire

month with a salary of 60,000 francs. Here is Wagner's own opinion on the celebrated Nie-"Niemann possesses inexhaustible abilities. Hitherto he sang only by instinct, but now for a month he has done nothing but follow my direction." Wagner wrote this to his friend, Mathilde Wesendouck, in September, Wagner wrote 1860, some months before the Parisian production of While studying the opera Niemann asso ciated freely with the Paris critics and they all predicted a fiaseo for the work, and this had a very depressing effect upon him. Wagner, in turn, was greatly enraged at Nic

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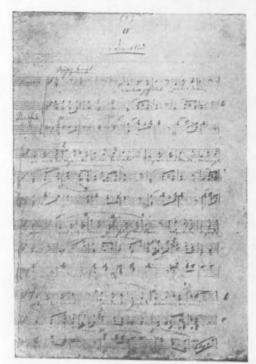
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mann for mingling so freely with the critics for whom he always had such contempt, and this finally led to a break between the two. This breach was not mended until eleven years later, in 1872, when Niemann assisted in lay-ing the cornerstone of the Bayreuth Festival Theater.

The facsimile of a page of the "Wedding March" from



FACSIMILE OF THE "WEDDING MARCH" FRO

"Lohengrin" in Wagner's own handwriting is herewith reproduced. The original is in the possession of Breitkopf & Haertel of Leipsic. Today we look upon "Lohengrin" as the most hideous of Wagner's music dramas; yet he himself even then considered that he had broken with the old style of melody. To quote his own words on "Lohen-"I had wholly discarded traditional melody. Here the text was to be given in a way that should arouse the sympathy of the listeners not by means of melodic expression, but by expressing the feelings of the text itself. Each of the principal moods had to have its own particular form of musical expression to be impressed upon the ear as a distinctive musical theme, and this came about quite of itself through the interweaving of a web of principal themes, and this web was spread, not merely over a single scene. as was formerly the case in operas, but throughout the en-

tire drama, and, indeed, in such a way as to form the testable conditions that hemmed in the development of a

closest relationship with the poetic intentions."

Of great interest is the "Steckbrief," or writ for arrest, which was issued by the Dresden police and published in a number of papers at the time Wagner fled from Dres-den, after his participation in the revolution of 1849. A translation of the text of this writ is as follows:

STECKBRIEF.

The Royal conductor, Richard Wagner, somewhat more fully described below, is sought for trial because of a material participation in the revolutionary movement that occurred in this city. Thus far, however, it has not been possible to apprehend him. For that reason the attention of all police authorities is called to him and they are requested to arrest him if he comes within their jurisdiction and to notify us immediately of the fact.

Deputation of the City Police,

Von Oppell.

Wagner is thirty-seven to thirty-eight years old, is of medium size, has brown hair and wears spectacles.

In his own account of his life Wagner wrote of his connection with the revolution as follows: "My interest pub-

pure, free and beautiful humanity caused me to appear as a real revolutionist like every foolish political demagogue and socialistic hater of oppression and made of me in the decisive hour a fugitive from the world of politics into exile "

Wagner left Dresden early in May, 1849, and via Freiburg, Chemnitz, Weimar, Coburg and Lindan he arrived at Zürich on the 28th of the month. The beautiful Swiss town was to be his asylum for a number of years.

(Continued next week.)

A Bear Acknowledgment.

From Berne, Switzerland, comes the accompanying zoological card, sent by A. J. Goodrich, who writes: "Mrs.



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Charlotte Maconda has left her retreat in the Adirondacks and has come back to New York for the season. She will soon announce her early autumn engagements. The soprano is in superb voice and spirits and is 100king forward to the brightest year of her career. Demands have already been made upon her for several of the leading music festivals and as usual, she will sing with orchestras and the leading musical organizations of the country.



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Tributes from Alexander Heinemann's Admirers.

The following remarkably laudatory and enthusiastic letters have been received by Manager R. E. Johnston from pupils and admirers in America in regard to the coming American tour of Alexander Heinemann, the great German baritone. THE MUSICAL COURIER takes pleasure in reproducing them. A perusal of these testimonials of esteem go far toward showing the character o' the Heinemann artistry.

I coached with Mr. Heinemann and I certainly congratulate you or having the management of so wonderful an artist.

Dayton, Ohio, August 26, 1910.

J. Lo

I. LOUIS SHEWK.

I shall be located in Oak Park, Chicago, this year. Anything I can do for either Mr. Heinemann or Mr. Scharwenka I will be glad to do. W. Otto Mirranna.

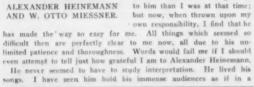
Boonville, Ind., August 17, 1910.

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GURRHRY E. ALERRO Connersville, Ind., August 1, 1910.

It will be one of the greatest pleasures of my life to write a letter in behalf of my dear "meister" if it will in any way help to make America believe him to be the great artist I know him to be. He has done so much for me and I am so grateful to him that I feel, should I write a letter offhand without some time for deliberation, would be so full of enthusiasm that the public would be inclined doubt my veracity. I desire Mr. Heinemann's success more than my own and if there is anything at any time I can do to make his already assured success greater, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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my delight when I learned that
you were to give America the
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him with the greaters pleasure. est of all baritones—Alexander Heinemann. Europe has heard him with the greatest pleasure for years and never have I attended a concert where Heinemann's name appeared on the program but that standing room was at a premium. I had the very great opportunity of four years' private study with Mr. Heinemann, a lesson almost every day, and during these never-to-be-forgotten years of study with my beloved "meister" I thought I never could be more grateful to him than I was at that time; but now, when thrown upon my own responsibility, I find that he



trauce for a full minute after the final pianisaimo of Schubert's "Litanei," the silence so profound that people seemed afraid to break it with the thunderous applause which he never failed to arouse. Then again after the rendition of Beethoven's "Der Kuse" or Loewe's "Storchenbotschaft," I have seen them almost hysterical with laughter, and he always had

that supreme power that marked him the great master—to sway his audience at will and make them feel with him. I remember once that when he was called to Dessau to sing the part of Mephistopheles in Berlioz's "Faust," he had barely four hours, while en route, to prepare this very difficult role. I heard the performance and never have I seen such a demonstration. He sang the part with such dramatic feeling and intensity, such absolute forgetfulness of self that the poor tenor thought the Devil surely had him, forgot his cue him the great master-to sway poor tenor thought the Devil surely had him, forgot his cuc and looked as if he would like to break and run. It was after this break and run. It was after this performance that the Herzog and Herzog and Herzog in of Amblatt heard him for the first time and commanded him to give a private recital the following week at the palace, at which performance he was made



No words of mine can do Mr. Heinemann justice. America will soon have the opportunity of judging for themselves in listening to the glorious voice of this great artist. You are both to be congratulated, he in having such an impresario and you in being able to present to the music lovers of our country the greatest lieder

Winchester, Ind., August 29, 1910.

To say I was delighted when I read some weeks ago you were to bring our "meiater" Alexander Heinemann to America this season expresses my pleasure but mildly. Let me congratulate you most heartily. I have wit-

most beartily. I have wi most beartily. I have wi nemed his triumphs not alor in Berlin, but in Londor Copenhagen and other Eur pean centers where the aud pean centers where the audiences were carried away. In
London, where the atmosphere of the concert hall is
known to be more frigid than
in any European capital, the
people were aroused to the
highest pitch of enthusiasm.



phenomenon which Nature creates only in moments of reckless generosity. The compass is unique, for Heinemann sings not only generosity. The compass is unique, for Heinemann sings not only berfectly pure tones in the bass region down to F sharp, but, without calling to his aid a falsetto, he is able to intone with perfect purity the high tones of the tenor register, up to one-lined B. To his colories of devoted students as well as thousands of others he will always be an inspiration and represent the highest in vocal art. His broad sympathics and generous nature command the love and respect of all, and I am sure I voice the sentiment of all his

American pupils when I say, to us there is none greater than Alexander the Great (as he has often been styled) and we await nis ing with keenest delight. DOROTHEA NORTH

Chicago, Ill., August 5, 1910.

Frances Alda's Tour.

The brilliant success that Frances Alda has enjoyed in Europe this summer promises well for the first American concert tour to be made by this artist under Loudon Charlton's management. Madame Alda was especially complimented and praised for her operatic work in Paris, as well as for her recital appearances at the various European watering places. She will open her American tour at Ann Harbor, Mich., on October 20, which engagement is to be under the auspices of the University School of Music. Emporia, Kan., will be visited on October 25, and Denver on October 27, while a recital for St. Joseph, Mo., is scheduled for October 31. From November 4 to 14 Madame Alda will appear with the Boston Opera Comscheduled for October 31. pany, this limited engagement to be followed with concert appearances in Cleveland, Akron, Chicago and Minneapolis. The prima donna has been engaged for a series of appearances the latter part of November in Montreal where a new opera company is to be launched under the management of Albert Clerk Jeanette. In December she will appear in New York with the Volpe Symphony Orchestra, and will give recitals in Brockton (Mass.), Boston, Lincoln (Neb.), Omaha and Kansas City.

Miss Tuthill Engaged for Concert in Holland.

Clara Strong Tuthill, the American soprano, while on a visit to The Hague was recently requested to sing at a re ception tendered her teacher, F. L. Torriani, of Carnegie Hall, New York. Her beautiful soprano voice so impressed the representative of the Philharmonic Berlin Orchestra that she was engaged to sing at the concert given August 24 at the Kurhaus Scheveningen, Holland.

Overton Moyle Denies Rumer.

Overton Moyle, the baritone, denies the report that he is going to London this autumn to fill an opera engage-ment. Mr. Moyle's plans for the season of 1910-11 are made and he will remain in America and give recitals and as heretofore sing in concerts and oratorio productions

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The School of Prof. Jacques Dalcroze for the Cultivation of Music and Rhythm in Dresden-Hellerau.

BY E. POTTER-FRISSELL,

A general stir was created throughout the musical world of Germany and Austria last season, by the appearance of something new in the field of pedagogics, when Professor Jacques Dalcroze, of Geneva, introduced a few of his pupils and their performances, as illustrations of his theories and proof of their efficiency upon the concert stages of Cologne, Berlin, Stuttgart, Vienna, Dresden, and elsewhere, with the object of making his methods better known in Germany. In Geneva, the professor has had more than 350 pupils, from the age of six years onward. Yet he found that these pupils were mostly Germans, or Austrians-Dalcroze is an Austrian by birth and took his course of instruction in the Vienna Conservatory, where his methods are to be introduced-and hence the wish arose to make his school and ideas better known and more prevalent in this country. In Stuttgart his methods are to be used and made obligatory at the Royal Opera, now under the direction of Prof. Max Schillings. Dresden followed this example and formed a committee composed of leading musical and municipal authorities, at whose head are the Saxon Prime Minister, Graf Vitzthum von Eckstadt, the general Intendant of the Royal Opera, Graf Seebach, Hofrat von Schuch, Geheimer Rat Dr. Beutler, the Ober-Bürgermeister, and others. They made Dalcroze an offer to found a school in Dresden, which, like Weimar, is a city of the muses, a place where the art instinct is strong ove for it, great and ideal. Having won the name of the "Florence of the Elbe," Dresden endeavors to live up to her reputation and hence there are the will here and the desire for the culture at its highest. Dresden's art criterium is higher; her artistic taste and choice are eclectic; here also, especially in the newly formed suburb of Hellereau, is the quiet seclusion so necessary for the develop-ment of talent. Provincial Dresden may be—so were Weimar and Meiningen-yet from such quiet localities spring the greatest movements in the symphony of progress, and there great talent, great ideas, develop. Hence Dalcroze, from among many offers, has accepted the art loving Dresden as most appropriate to the further ance of his great cause, the Dresden once (with Leipsic) the city of Wagner, the city of Weber, the city of Schoper hauer, all of them names representing great epochs, great and new departures in art, music and philosophy.

But to return to the subject, I must now attempt to explain in what respect the school of Dalcroze is new and great. His theories are based upon a principle, which ought to be self evident, that for every branch of musical study, there should first be laid a general foundation, thorough preparation and development insured of musical faculties and capacity, before the special study is begun. That his object and striving are still more far reaching than this, I shall eventually prove. Professor Dalcroze maintains that "there is today no school in existence where the rudimentary artistic instincts, belonging to every side of human activity, are cultivated, and where all the senses and emotional faculties are developed, in that harmony with each other, and that perfection, which scientific training and the power of reasoning" make possible. This new school Professor Dalcroze seems to base on the principle of rhythm, thus following the oft quoted saying of von Bülow, "Am Anfang war der Rhythmus" ("In the Beginning was Rhythm"). The professor goes further and says that without absolute control and perfectly healthy normal conditions of the body, there can be no perfect sense of rhythm developed, maintaining that with these conditions and the perfect sense and acquirement of rhythmical control, the whole nervous system is influenced. When healthful, reposeful, controlled and well balanced, whole views of life become almost metamorphosed. With perfect harmony in ourselves, we see and perceive

the All, the Great Prevailing Harmony, ruling in the universe. We become ourselves in harmony with the world d our surroundings, and the result is a far happier life, a far happier view of life. If the ignorant think that Dalcroze goes too far with his assertions, I refer them to the saying of Schopenhauer, who declared that "an explanation of music would form a philosophy of the world"; also to the discussion of Herbert Spencer, in the periodical called "The Mind," with Richard Wallaschek; the former arguing on the psychological influence of musical culture, through melody, the latter taking the side of rhythm. Thus vill, self control, mental balance, bodily equilibrium. are the psychological subjects first to be handled. Equally important with this, is the free development of bodily plastique, for which the cultivation of a wholly sound and healthy bodily system, upon a strictly scientific basis, is the first requisite. "Mens sana in corpore sano," is the watch-



JACQUES DALCROZE

word of the school. "Yet is this new?"; somebody will "our forefathers and their forefathers, the ancient Greeks and Romans, were brought up on this tradition, which has been preached, if not practised, through centuries of time. Notwithstanding that ages upon ages have passed today, we (especially Americans) are a people of nerves and nervous disorders, of unbalanced, uncontrolled will, and our age is a thoroughly neurotic one." What then is the panacea for these ills, what is the new doctrine for musical development, that shall give us a new born will, a strong free elastic body, and create inherent musical power, automatic musical functions? Dalcroze answers, seemingly with the one word, "Rhythm," and proves it by the most patent demonstrations. He does not ask us like many others to accept vague unproved theories, which come and go and leave us where we were before. But he makes through his pupils a "Quod era demonstrandum," that should convince the most sceptical.

And now before I begin to expatiate upon the actual accomplishments and achievements of his method, I must emphasize one point, namely, that this is not a school merely for the dance and gymnastics, but it is pre-eminently meant for musical and rhythmical culture, and for the development of the musical faculties. Dalcroze does,

mately connected with his rhythmical culture. Thus he starts with a most marvelous schooling and training of the limbs and bodily equilibrium; first in strictly rhythmical marching, broken with light springing, or swift, small leaps, varying the measure, or the count, now slowly, now in quick succession, now with long but rhythmical pauses, often of several measures, yet with no beating of the time now beginning, upon the "Auftakt," now in the middle of a measure, even sometimes upon a syncopated eighth, etc. ome of the movements are in strict legato, again others are as if lightly syncopated, and others broken by unex-pected pauses, and so on, indeed, in every conceivable nanner, for demonstrating an extraordinary control of the whole body, and rhythmical control as well, all of which involves a remarkable, even marvelous sense of "time-keeping" and rhythm. Many tests were given to prominent musicians in the audience when I witnessed the Dalcroze seance, yet even a great conductor who was there, failed to come up to the requirements! Here Dalcroze showed that many of the acquired movements of opera singers upon the operatic stage are directly, almost laughably opposed to the character and demands of the music. Eventually he shows, as we shall describe, the importance of having all bodily movements under automatic rhythmical control. Yet the foregoing is only a beginning; wonder grows to astonishment as one witnesses the phenomenal ability of his pupils to beat rhythmically a crescendo with the arms and hands, while executing, simultaneously, a diminuendo by a stamping of the feet, also in strict rhythm; to nod dual measure with the head, while at the same time the left arm beats triple measure, the right arm quadruple measure, and the feet mark 5/4 measure! Here is where the wholly free emancipation of the body is demonstrated, and the complete control of the will and the mind. which latter is at a point before unheard of. The girls are dressed in a gymnastic, or combination suit, which is suspended really from the neck and shoulders, clothing the to the knees, and leaving the feet and legs bare, but wholly disengaged and free, likewise the arms and hands. The movements are all so easy and so plastic, while the perfect independence of one another, and all the while the movements of the body are in wonderful symmetry and synchronization, in perfect harmony! One may interpose the objection that all this must impose a fearful tax upon the mind and the will, entail superhuman tasks, etc., etc. Yet it does not appear so. On the contrary, the pupils, who ranged from the ages of eight to sixteen, seemed to be cheerful, bright, perfectly happy, easy and harmonious, apparently unconscious of the marvel of their feats, All these complex, multifarious movements and rhythms seemed quite natural, easy and self evident; as automatic as any of the physical functions of breathing, heart action, walking, rising, sitting etc. All this will power, mental and bodily control, now are to be called into further requisition of a higher sort. As rhythm is in a sense music, so the inward feeling for music is now awakened. With this sharpened sense of rhythm, of "timekeeping" and of measure, the pupils have had their sense of hearing wonderfully developed. The ear is already so trained that they can sing the scales without the aid of an instrument, in a circle, and find almost without exception the next, or desired tone of a given part even after some pause has been made. This implies absolute pitch; yet some of the pupils did not have this when they came first to their professor. He declares that some of them could not recognize one interval from another. But now they have all learned to find the tone and to hold it with no aid whatever from the piano; hence it is thus demon strated that absolute pitch may be acquired. sing at signt an improvised melody, given oftentimes by some one in the audience, after it has been written upon the blackboard, but not played upon the piano. This they repeat again, from memory, almost at once without mis-takes or faltering. More wonderful still, they sing another improvised melody, in the four voices, from a figwred bass, and this in a minor key. (I heard the theme in F sharp minor.) This was pronounced by many musicians as the most phenomenal musical feat witnessed in recent times. Again a theme, or short movement, is improvised, often given impromptu by the audience, for the pupils to sing—or it may be played. Each pupil, in turn, directs the rest with the director's baton, each one after her own individual conception, each marking the rhythm, the accent and "caracteristique" as she herself feels or con-All these were remarkably differentiated, and all were given with marked originality, and evinced the keenest sense for style and "caracteristique," even by the oungest, a child of eight years, while all the others followed the lead with incredible ease and rapidity, so that the wholly impromptu character was quite lost sight of. Here were both in the director and directed a versatility and a responsiveness, that the greatest conductor or or-chestra might well emulate. It shows further how wonderfully productive are the fruits of the Dalcroze It carries us back to the time when choir boys had to sing an anthem in thirty-six parts, or when Bach improvised contrapuntally on a theme in eight voices! Today, it too often the case, that the parents are satisfied if the child

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can play, parrot like, several pieces without his notes, while as ignorant of the key and the chords or intervals and themes as a newly born infant!

The pupils are also taught to demonstrate, by bodily "plastique," the "caracteristique" of musical form, or me-Dalcroze plays a few measures or a movement. The pupils dance the waltz, or they demonstrate plastic counterpoint, or modulation of expression by bodily movements, with appropriate gestures or postures.

Wonderful was the denoting of the contrapuntal march, or contrapuntal development of a theme; the accelerando or ritardando; the crescendo and diminuendo; the marking of peculiar and characteristic accent; the modulation of tone or sentiment, in climacteric, the passionate or warm scent to the climax, or descent to the calando, or perdendo, etc. Now we come to the æsthetic and to the do-main of the strictly plastic—the highest domain of music of expression of all the emotions. By this time the pupils have changed the dress of the workshop for that of æsthetic art (i. e., soft silk, clinging draperies). Dalcroze takes up a theme, impromptu and improvised (it is often asked for from the audience), and develops this through all styles of modulation as regards the emotions. we have the joyful, perhaps; or then the tragic, the mysterious and dark, the terrible and awful, back again to the humoresque, the light and the gay, or the solemn and religious, etc., seeming to take up the whole gamut of human feeling. Simultaneously the elder pupils (the younger pupils are thought to be not quite ripe for such demonstrations) improvise with him, the plastic expression of all these emotions, both by the facial "mimik," by appropriate gestures of the arms or postures and movements of the body. Here again we ascend with them to the highest climax, or we wander through a labyrinth or maze of dark mysterious figures, or we dance in gaiety or we lift up our heads and hearts in the solemn prayer, or praise of devotion, and so on. How spontaneously they catch and simultaneously portray the foregoing is as amply proved as it is marvelously exhibited. This is naturally the climax for Yet we are led still further. Dalcroze now the musician. asks his pupils themselves to represent a picture. They represent the unfolding of the petals of a rose or flower; they play at hide and seek, this a most artistic and pretty picture; the younger ones play at horse and coachman, or at the picture of butterflies, etc. Decidedly the most beautiful exhibition of this sort was the "Invitation to Dance, Dalcroze playing Weber's familiar music in such a way as

rangement) has this music been thus heard. The marvelous precision of attack and accent, the perfect portrayal of its rhythmic beauties and musical feeling, were equaled only by the plastic demonstration, through the pupils' dancing and the indescribably beautiful figures they represented, every gesture, posture, and movement being adapted wonderfully to the style demanded by the music. Yet it was most evident that the pupils were largely (perhaps inspired by Dalcroze's exceptionally fine playing.

Here I will add a further word about the use of this training for the operatic stage. Not only is it indispensable for ngers, who must be developed musically, vocally, rhythm ically, in order to co-operate with a great orchestra, but in future it will be regarded equally indispensable in regard to the plastic or histrionic part of their art. Dalcroze convinces us beyond all doubt that the gesture, the movement, the posture must be adapted to and in occord with the music itself; he shows us the absurdity any other view, as soon as we have once seen for ourselves the wonderful beauty, harmony, and symmetry of such plastic representation, in perfect unity with the music itself.

The full result of this teaching will be that in the not far distant future such a musical foundation will be required from all who wish to enter any conservatory or take a diploma from any musical institute. It will prove the death knell for pseudo musical instruction or musical charlatanism of every sort. It will be required of every aspirant for the operatic or theatrical stage. As it is likely to be incorporated into the German public school system to some extent, so it has an incalculable depth of significance for the musical development of the whole general public. It will require honesty of criticism, as well as intelligence; it will prove the end, in time, I hope, of any misleading of the general public opinion; the end of doubt of large or "big" talk, and phrase without the required ground, and so on ad infinitum. The school is to be opened in Dresden, October 17, and will close June 15. Professor Dalcroze expects to remain in charge for two years, at least, until he has produced a German teacher capable of competently representing him and his work. (He has already published a book, which has appeared in the German text, in two volumes, upon his system.) Dalcroze, who is recognized also as a composer and "musiker" of note, is a pedagogic genius. He has remarkcomposer and able powers of imparting and inspiring and is of untiring assiduity. He not only demands the highest from his puto reveal wonderfully its capacities; and I venture to say pils, but gives himself as the highest example. He is a man of extraordinary inventive genius, devising with

velous versatility every conceivable method for drawing the desired results from his pupils, and has a remarkably developed system in all directions of the musical and plas-There will be regular courses at 400 marks per tic art. annum for teachers desiring to hold a diploma qualifying them to teach; also courses for opera and theater, and for The schedule shows the theatrical and operatic directors. following divisions: (I) Rhythmical gymnastics. (11) Ear training. (III) Improvisation. (IV) Pedagogy and anatomy, these including everything that may or can be classed under the several heads. A regular schoolhouse is to be built in the newly formed suburb of Hellerau, which Dalcroze found admirably adapted to his purpose. the present, the Saxon Finanzministerium has offered him chambers of the old Ständehaus, on the Landhaus strasse, for his classrooms.

Dresden will thus become the seat of learning in one of the most important departures of modern times. long been regarded as one of the leading authorities on the vocal art, while the Royal Opera and orchestra, under the direction of Hofrat von Schuch and the enterprising General Intendant, Graf Seebach, are considered among the best in Europe. The city has, in fact, become a model place for operatic study. That the operatic authorities are to make the Dalcroze system obligatory will surely place the operatic criterion in Dresden vastly higher than ever before

Press Notices of Mrs. Potter-Frissell.

THE MUSICAL COURIER (in an editorial article):

Mrs. E. Potter-Frissell, who is known to the readers of this paper through her numerous contributions for years past, and her daughter were at Vevey, and I had, for the first time, an opportunity to hear Mrs. Potter-Frissell play the piano. She has a select class of advanced pupils at Dresden, where she lives, and she is one of the American teachers who has established herself in Europe and made a success of a custom which is becoming peculiarly impressive, namely, the theory of an American teaching music in any of its many forma in Europe. She is, furthermore, a pupil of Leschettisky, and represents his system, his methods, his pianism in Dresden.

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Mrs. Potter-Frissell played a variety of styles in the audition that day, among them, to be general, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Bach, surely a selection of the prime models of piano literature as applied to the actual work of the piano. Gifted with a large, resonant tone-quality through her touch, Mrs. Potter-Frissell gave a clear, powerful and sustained performance, with special interpretative features applied to each individual composer and each work. It was the performance of a musicianly pianist and a pianistic musician, and in each composition these two functions had to be met and were met by Mrs. Potter-Frissell with fine results.

Very naturally pupils with a teacher of such capacity must advance rapidly if they have any sense or thought of the work to be accomplished. It depends solely upon the pupils in such a case, because the teacher is a self-understood participation, thoroughly adapted, and prepared with sagacity in all directions to do the duty devolved upon her. Mrs. Potter-Frissell's class of pupils is of a high order, and is recognized in Dresden as an influence in music radiating in all directions through the work of the teacher and the system and character under which it is conducted. The pupils have also the advantages of opera and symphony concerts and recitals of the leading virtuosi, who all visit Dresden, and the additional



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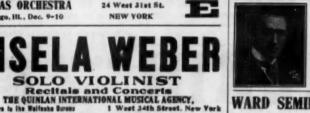
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BLUMENBERG.

Mrs. Potter-Frissell's musical soirée was attended by fully 100 guests who evinced the greafest interest in the performance of the hostess' numerous pupils. Among these the two who evoked the greatest applause and the heartiest expressions from the professional musicians present were: Christine Potter-Frissell, who played a Saint-Saëne work with the brilliancy that might have been anticipated from her inherited talent and careful training, and Alice Glade, whose playing in the C minor fantaisie of Mozart was remarkably good. "Stars" of smaller magnitude, but promising brightness, also came in for a large share of the general interest and commendation. Edward Lankow sang a number of songs, to the delight of all, old and young. He was accompanied by Professor Fuchs, of the Royal Conservatorium. Mr. Uhl was also to have sung, but was unfortunately prevented by indisposition.—The Daily Record, Saturday, February 9, 1907. Record Saturday, February 9, 1907.

In the hall of the Hotel New York, Mrs. Potter-Frissell, the Dresden piano pedagogue, gave a pupils' performance yesterday, when a large number of Dresden artists and lovers of music were present. The performances gave proof of the artistic seriousness and the excellent success with which Mrs. Potter-Prissell has conducted the instruction of those entrusted to her.

Victor Porth and a pupil of Professor Müller, the vocal pedagogue of Dresden, added songs to the program.—(Written by Dr. Hugo Daffner) Dresdner Nachrichten, May 27, 1910.

At a soirée on June 18, 1910, Ethel Glade, Anna Robertson, who had just signed a contract with one of the music schools of the South, and Daphne Sterrett, daughter of Professor Sterrett, of Cornell University, and Percy Sherwood also performed, winning the highest praise and recognition

Here are some letters addressed to Mrs. Potter-Frissell:

Mrs. Potter-Frissell for two years has given instruction to two of our daughters in piano playing. Her success with them has been so marked that we must rate her among the very foremost teachers of 'music. Mrs. Potter-Frissell has the real musical temperament. She is herself a musician of the first rank and she can and does inspire her pupils with her own enthusiasm and love for music. For that reason the progress made by her pupils is rapid and oftentimes their development is little short of the marvelous.

(Signed) J. R. S. Sterrett, Chief Professor of Greek in Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(Introduction to M. Blondel, the Parisian concert impresario.)

Dear Mr. Blondel:—Permit me to introduce to you Madame
Potter-Frissell, an excellent musician, and one of the leading representatives of The Musical Courier, of New York. Madame Frissell
thinks of spending some time in Paris, and I shall be very much
obliged to you for your cordial reception.

My thanks in advance and the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Emil Sauer.

Dear Mrs. Frissell.:—I hope before my journey to St. Peters-burg to speak with Herr P, with reference to the great pleasure your beautiful playing gave me. As to Herr W. (Berlin Concert

Bureau), you may refer to my humble self at any time, skill and strength as yours, so characteristic of the brilliant izky school, deserve the highest success in all lines. With respect-Yours sincerely

(Signed) EMIL SAUER,
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(Letter from Mrs. E. Bigelow, wife of one of the well known trustees of the Boston Conservatory.)

DEAR MRS. POTTER-FRISSELL:-- I take this opportunity of Dear Mrs. Potter-Frissell.—I take this opportunity of expressing to you the hearty appreciation of Mr. Bigelow and myself for the remarkable progress that our daughter has made during the time she has been in your charge. The improvement has been not only in the touch, tone and technic of the Leschetizky method, but by your enthusiasm you have raised her ideal and have given her courage for future work. We are most grateful for the opportunity she has had.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Elizabeth Bigelow,

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(Extract from letter of Marie Prentner, one of the chief Vorbereiters for Professor Leschetizky.)

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sest success.

With best wishes and heartiest greetings, Yours,

(Signed) Marke Prentner.

Music a la Carte.

Josef Slivinski, the Polish pianist, gave a recital at a fashionable Berlin residence. Not receiving the promised fifty after long weeks of waiting, he finally dispatched a bill made out as follows;

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-American Musician.

Bertha Vibberts Smith, solo contralto of the Naugatuck (Conn.) Congregational Church, gave a recital for the stu dents before the students of Adele Laeis Baldwin's Summer School, at Bernardsville, N. J., August 19. The program included songs by Brahms, Schubert, Widor, Weckerlin and Tschaikowsky. Mrs. Smith's voice was much en-joyed; the tone is rich and full, and the artist sings with an appreciation of the music and fine diction. The singer was obliged to repeat the Brahms song.

Beatrice Bowman Signs with Quinlan Agency.

Beatrice Bowman, the young American soprano who has just closed her engagement with Sousa at Willow Grove Park, Philadelphia, has signed a two years contract with the Quinlan International Musical Agency. Miss Bowman will spend the month of September resting up in Maine. She is to return to New York the first of October, when her season will begin with some concerts in the vicinity. This charming and gifted singer is to appear at a number of musicales in the homes of wealthy New Yorkers. She is to be a soloist at the first concert of the Philalethian Society, in Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, on the evening of November 15, the other soloists being Frederick Gunster, tenor, and Andre Benoist, pianist. During the recent Sousa engagement in Philadelphia, where Miss Bowman sang fourteen times, she was received daily by audiences of 20,000 and over. Although only billed to sing once at each concert, the soprano was obliged to add encores response to the great enthusiasm aroused by her beautiful and temperamental singing. At this moment, a long concert tour and offers of some operatic work are being considered, but Miss Bowman most likely will decide to remain in the Eastern States for the coming season.

Baernstein-Regneas Studios Open.

Joseph Baernstein-Regneas, the New York vocal instructor, whose beautiful and spacious studios at 336 West Fifty-eighth street, have opened for the regular season's work, will again devote two days weekly to Philadelphia. All applications for instruction in Philadelphia or New York should be addressed to the New York studio, and time will be allotted in the order in which the applications are received.

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The funeral of Charles Lenepveu, the composer and Conservatoire professor, took place on Friday last, August 19, at the Church of Saint Thomas d'Aquin. The pallbearers were MM. Saint-Saëns, Théodore Dubois, Paladilhe and Moyaux. During the funeral service the choir of the church sang the dead man's "Messe de Requie.n" an 1 "/'Ode triomphale à Jeanne d'Arc." Military honors were ren-dered him as officer of the Légion d'Honneur. À very nerous and distinguished company assembled to pay their last respects to the esteemed musician. The interment will take place at Saint-Sauveur, near Rouen, the natal town of Charles Lenepveu.

Death daily claims her own, but seems at present to seek them more specially in the musical world. Charles Lenep-veu had hardly breathed his last when Arthur Coquard rendered his last adieu to daughter and son-in-law in the Ile de Noirmontier. Born in Paris in 1846, Coquard first studied law, obtaining his degree of "docteur en droit" in 1870, when he took an active part in the defense of his native city. His love of music went deeper than his preference for law, and having studied under César Franck he gave up his time to music. For several years he was musical critic for l'Echo de Paris; he also wrote a much appreciated book, "La Musique en France depuis Rameau and a biographical sketch of César Franck. Posterity will judge the value of his musical compositions, which are many and varied. "Hai Luli," "I'Epée du Roi," "Le Mari d'un jour," "Isdronning" are among some of his best; and the difficult task of finishing Edouard Lalo's incomplete work, "La Jacquerie," was so admirably performed that it won for him the full favor of the public.

A friend told the following amusing anecdote the other day. Looking in the Bottin (the city business directory) for want of another address book, for the address of the author of "Pelléas et Mélisande," he found the following. Debussy, rue Galande, wine merchant." We had already Berlioz, milkman, Montmartre; Berlioz, chemist, near a

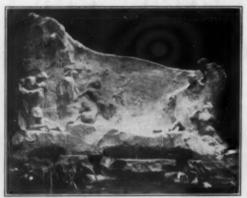
bank. Mendelssohn, money changer. Schumann, restaurant keeper. Schubert, saloonist. Laparra, manufacturer of Wagner, hairdresser. Weber, poisoner, etc. umbrellas. Can one say after that that names are predestined?

Ch. M. Widor will be the candidate for the fauteuil left acant by the much regretted Charles Lenepveu. Several friends of André Messager, director of the Opéra, have however, the intention of pressing his candidateship. The well known composer of "Veronique" is at present at San

Pellegrino in Italy and will return to Paris shortly. Franz Lehar, the happy composer of the "Merry Widow," has just terminated a new opera entitled "Soldatenglück," "Soldier of Fortune." This new work of the Austrian musician is to make its first venture on the opera boards of Vienna

Franceska Kaspar, who some six or seven years ago was counted among the foremost gifted young student singers Paris, and who, during the past five years, has been a leading member of the Savage opera forces in America, especially his "Merry Widow" company, besides being engaged three consecutive seasons as soloist with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and other organizations, returned to Paris recently for a purpose other than warbling. Repeatedly Cupid had aimed at the sweet singer, but each time his missile went astray until one day in the spring time his arrow pierced her heart. Miss Kaspar is now se lecting her trousseau in Paris, and on her return to her home in Washington will become an early autumn bride, the wife of Dr. Huron Willis Lawson, of national capital fame. The opera career will probably be abandoned by the young artist, but she will, no doubt, continue to sing in concert and oratorio under the name of (Madame) Franceska Kaspar. Hearty congratulations are in order. . . .

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DELMA-HEIDE.

Kirk Towns for Chicago.

Kirk Towns, the well known American baritone, has been engaged by Dr. Ziegfeld as one of the principal vocal teachers of the Chicago Musical College. He enters upon his new duties this month. Mr. Towns has lived abroad for the last ten years, making his home chiefly in Berlin, where he met with flattering success both as a teacher and

News item from Ottawa, Ill., states that the good town of Ottawa has passed an ordinance making it a violation of law to play or permit to be played any kind of musical instrument in a saloon. Good for Ottawa! Some of the music emanating from saloons (don't know, but have been told) is excruciating enough to drive a saint to drink-Musical Courier Extra.

A song writer went into a music publishing house and said to the boss: "Can you give me something to do?

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REMARKS FROM RUSSIA.-V.

BY EUGENE E. SIMPSON.

Moscow (July 22), August 4, 1910.

Two or three years ago THE MUSICAL COURIER COTrespondent in Leipsic discovered that practically all the motives and melodies of the Strauss symphonic poems, many of Strauss' songs, his "Enoch Arden" music, his operas, besides the symphonic poems and numerous symphonies of the post-Strauss school, began on an off beat, following a beat or an imagined beat in the bass. The characteristic is strong in a symphony by the Finnish Sibelius, the Hungarian Buttykay, and occasionally in the melody and phrase building of the Elgar and the Hugo Kaun symphonies. Careful observation seemed to fix Tschaikowsky as the direct forerunner for Strauss and all the hundreds of writers who begin their compositions on the musical cross foot. There is no new evidence to show error in those observations, but three weeks' summer dence in Moscow, with the hearing of five operas by three Russian composers, various orchestral program compositions, and two unknown symphonies by modern Russians has proved that Tschaikowsky was only following a pro-rounced "Russianism" of his forerunners, just as the Russians of today are still following him in it, reinforced by Strauss and nearly every European composer. The inci-dent argues anew that the music of every epoch has some The incidefinable link with some before and after, whether in structure, in mood, or both.

. . .

Tschaikowsky's three act opera, "Pique Dame," has about every feature of the Russian folk and art music, Lesides some pure and beautiful European song in the strict In the composer's "Eugen spirit and manner of Mozart. Onegin" there is still oftener the Mozart simplicity, but no passage of genuine Mozart, such as is found in old fash-ion dance scenes of the "Pique Dame." After a brief and After a brief and highly lyric overture, the opera on the stage begins with a great folk gathering, singing the material of the overture, first given out by the women's low voices. Two pairs of principals, each of tenor and basso, state the story briefly, when the chorus sets in with an eighth note rhythm, marcato or staccato, which is Russian as Russian can be, pervading, as it does, most of the choruses in every Russian opera, besides many songs of the people in village or town. A duet for tenor and basso, rather more stiffly canonic than lyric, closes the scene. The second scene is of the fashionable parlor, with three women singing trio to clavichord or spinet. The orchestra preludes with a couple of good Mozart trills, but that is not the content of the trio. The rest of this scene has female choruses in the folk marcato way above noted, but repeatedly an art music wherein long passages begin on the previously discussed off beat of Strauss and the European moderns. The development of the opera is then interrupted for a scene called an "intermezzo," containing also a 6-8 dance called a "Pashtushka," the whole purpose of the interpolation seeming to be that of a pastorale or festival of flowers. Besides a ballet, there are two females and one male prin-

cipal, whose roles are entirely without bearing on the story of the "Pique Dame." It is in this intermezzo of classic masque dance in stately gavotte that Tschaikowsky has found exactly the manner and spirit of a Mozart or A vocal solo has the Mozart treatment of the voice exactly, and in exceeding beauty. When the opera resumes, it is with various recitative like scenes to present the story, the "musical" number including other female choruses, various orchestral incidents of great originality, other solo scenes written in the ever present off beat



LAST PICTURE OF TSCHAIKOWSKY

phrase, a beautiful chorus in ecclesiastic spirit, a big male chorus in drinking song, and various numbers by the prin-The evening is one of beautiful music and entertainment to auditors of every taste.

Tschaikowsky's opera, "Mazeppa," of six scenes in three acts, is given in Russia much less often than the composer's other operas, and outside of Russia the work is wholly unknown. The impression taken from the one Moscow hearing is that it may be not only one of the musically strongest of all the Tschaikowsky operas, but a musical score of perfect evenness and deep expressiveness, such as no one of his symphonics or orchestral fantasies can excel. Through the entire evening, and without a sin-

gle lapse, the music plays off in beauty and character as if agnificent tidings were carried. The operatic story is one of tragedy and abject sadness. A prison scene repsents the most unmerciful of persecutors, the opera fur ther provides for the prisoner's execution and the killing of a lover. The picture is without relief through the whole ening, but in the same degree Tschaikowsky has kept to the fervor of his inspiration. After the overture of some rhythmic material and an episode of beautiful melody, about as pastorale, a decidedly Russian theme comes as a female chorus off stage, before the entrance. The women come forward, their song in the inevitable off beat phrase. solo voice sings about the same material in answer. The ensuing soprano aria is in plain phrase, which comes to pause at every sixth or eighth beat, in six-four or four-four time, as the case may be. This is another style of phrase suilding found in every Tschaikowsky opera, and especially noticeable in the writing of nearly every duet, of which there are many. The phrase is eminently agreeable to the singer, who has this chance to breathe in regularity and freedom. The listener would not object to an occasional change, and especially if he is hearing a couple of other Russian operas each week, both of which build their en sembles of principals in the same manner. The several ensembles of the "Pique Dame" give an impression of ease in writing and of balance and polish, so that without knowing anything of the order in which the Tschaikowsky operas were composed, one is driven to the conviction that at the writing of this work, the author was in mature years and at his highest power. At no point in the opera is there an approach to Mozart, neither can one speak of that brand of simplicity, as in "Eugen Onegin." One of the most characteristic of folk themes becomes a splendid art chorus. Some especially beautiful violin cadenzas fol-low the tragedy in the last scene. Aside from anything that may be going on by the principals on the stage, the orchestra is occupied the whole time with music of vitality and such portent that one can only doubt that Tschaikowsky ever reached a higher plane than this.

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Dargomwirshky's three act opera, "Rusalka," in six scenes, is older than all those by Tschaikowsky and Rubinstein, and probably just following Glinka, and contemporary with Moussorgsky. This work must mark a stage of composer transition from European to Russian, for it contains the most characteristic of all Russian folk themes alongside the purest Mozart. No one of the Russian operas heard has so much Mozart spirit as this. Furthermore, the scoring borders on crudity, though there is honest work in counterpoint throughout. The overture itself is in counterpoint that gives the listener anxiety as to whether all ends of the themes will find each other again. After a few numbers this stiffness is no longer noticeable in the orchestra. Nevertheless, the writing for vocal principals is on the danger line at all times, even to the close of the opera. The "Rusalka" subject is an old Russian legend of a water queen of that name. She had had love misfortunes on dry land, and she set up an under sea empire for herself and child, making it so attractive as to rewin the father to the new abode. The stage numbers include a typical folk dance by five women in a circle, later joined by a man solo dancer, first in three-four, then in two-four time and very fast. A duet follows, crudely written, the phrase ever constructed on the aforesaid offbeat, as followed by Tschaikowsky, Strauss and present

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aria-Mozart both for voice and orchestra, there is a duet of noncommittal, non-Russian music, and the chorus to After a large wedding close this scene is European. chorus beginning the second act, there is a beautiful con-tralto song with chorus. This may be one of the finest numbers of the opera. The same singer begins a polonaise which is then treated as a duet with baritone. After another chorus there comes another folk dance by four women and one man. This is a rapid jig in which all five dance uninterruptedly while going through various small ballet figures. The last act opens with a similar folk dance by five women, later joined by the male solo dancer, who dances nearly always within the circle the women form, There is much other engaging incident in the opera, the music including a beautiful oboe solo. This melody is not given to a singer and it must be designed to express the sadness of the unfortunate Rusalka. Other choruses and solos are given and the opera concludes with a quartet of principals. It is an evening of strange mixtures of talent, of crudity, of skill, committal and noncommittal, but an

day neighbors. A baritone principal gets a good "Mozart" evening of opera, by the help of whose story, the power to entertain is not once in question

Thirteen years ago the Leipsic city theater put on an opera by Napravnik ("Doubrovsky"), which failed The failure could have argued for promptly. against the Leipsic public, or for or against Nap-The principal observation in point is that ravnik. though the opera was one of sympathetic Russian life, the German newspapers asserted that the action was too unpretentious. Now every one of the five Russian operas just heard in Moscow is in the same quiet and unrelief. A folk scene, a tragedy, a fairy world, a love scene, or any other combination seems to play in the eminently plaintive, when not abjectly sad spirit of all the rest. The usual employment of folk dances is the highest point of relief in any of these works and that is superb entertainment, but not humor. There is not one comedy part to be found in these five operas, which are Glinka's "Russlan and Ludmilla," Dargomwirshky's "Rusalka" and Tschaikowsky's "Eugen Onegin," "Pique Dame" and "Mazeppa." They are all well attended and deeply enjoyed by

the Russian public. They constitute a voluminous index, both to the creative and the receptive mentality of the Russian people.

A manuscript symphony, in E minor, by N. R. Kochetov, was the leading number of the tenth Friday evening con-cert at the Sokolnik Circle. The concert was conducted by Composer Kochetov, who is professor of musical history and theory at the Moscow Philharmonic Conservatory, also lecturer in the University of Moscow. The concert further brought two extracts from his opera, "Terrible Revenge," the Johan Svendsen "Romeo and Juliet" overture, a soprano aria from Debussy's cantata, "The Prodigal Son" (?) and the violin concerto by Ernst. The soloists were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Doulov, of Moscow. Besides the symphony and the opera, Kochetov has written two orchestral suites and many songs. The symphony is not of enough excellence to take high rank, nevertheless there are much honest writing and some fine music in it. The main theme of the first movement is in the crisp and regular eighth note, marcato, staccato so often observed in Russian folk choruses; another crisp theme is about Men-delssohnian scherzo. The cantabile of the movement is nice "filled in" with a tremolo or undulating figure v looks like poor composing. After a much cut up andante and scherzo the last movement carries the best interest of A tripping, two-pulse, dotted figure so often em ployed by Schumann, is played canonically, as fugato, the violing get terrific runs, in moto perpetuo over a plain cantabile and the balance of the symphony is a resourceful, unending and ever effective development. They play so jubilantly that the composer is seen to have had a liking for his theme, which must have grown on him for a very long time. On the whole, the symphony is entitled to this place as a summer entertainer. The two entracts were of much less value in every particular. Mr. Doulov played the Ernst concerto in a manner that suggested the academic, nevertheless in absolute purity of intonation and general command of the task. His-wife sang superbly, in easy and correct use of a fine voice. The Debussy aria be-gan with a droning of the orchestra, and when the voice set in, it was in phrase easily recognized as French. In the further development of the aria the orchestra came twice into the slow tremolo or undulating figure which largely characterizes, not only the piano works of Debussy, but many other composers among the modern French. Its purpose is to act as a basis for mood painting but in Germany it is no longer considered composing at all. Svendsen's overture to "Romeo and Juliet" has agreeable attributes, but it is showing age. He didn't compose enough on it to hold for long.

. . The first symphony by the late A. S. Arensky is said to be the better of the two he created. It was given here at the eleventh symphony concert of the Sokolnick Circle, by a former Arensky pupil, the composer, Georg Conus, of Moscow. The work is within a shade of claim to distinction. Only in the andante are there some slight marks of the hammer, and as a whole, the work may be a little bit too riotously Russian to find general use among the Anglo-Saxons. However that may be, there are some passages of ravishing beauty, such as only a composer of ex-treme gift could ever write. The few measures of adagio as introduction are of Wagnerian color, with their portentous contrabasses answered by horns and trumpets. Then comes the tripping figure of the main allegro patetico which is immensely engaging. The horns answer in a com-

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plaining down scale figure that is employed to the last degree of persistency in the development of the movement. There comes a lyric passage à la Tschaikowsky, strange and beautiful, and of course, in the eternal off-beat phrase While reof all the Russians and the symphonic poems. peating the main tripping figure he secures an impressive funereal touch, with the muffled cymbals. The andante, with its beautiful beginning by the violas, is the movement containing the intense melody. It is essentially Russian but plain and noble. The theme seems to be next treated in variation, and whatever the manner of work, it is in this development that the lowest stage in the symphony is reached. The scherzo is a wild robber music affair in five-four rhythm, containing a bit of strongly Russian cantabile and a unique brushing or sweeping effect by the strings as an accompaniment to one part of the movement. The trilling strings and the triangle announce an Oriental dance as the finale. There is a neat cantabile which works up finely, and the main dance figure goes in even tripping for a long time. It gets to be very beautiful at times. There are no flaws apparent in this movement. The dance receives much fine development, and especially the violins are employed high up in a contrapuntal figure or figuration that is a great delight. If the work seems somewhat wild when taken in the Russian manner intended, it is probable that it is of enough musical and structural solidity to bear Saxonizing in performance. After all, the better symphonies aside from the classics are none too many, and a few trials may place this symphony in good standing among the most worthy of them.

The eight Conus songs with orchestra were issued with piano accompaniment, since which the composer has added his own fine orchestrations in manuscript. They nearly all flow like Italian lyrics, and each one has a high-tone climax somewhere between start and finish. These effects are finely invented but uniquely uniform when given on the one program. Of the eight songs, at least five would be useful to American concert singers, the other three are of too light musical character to recommend. Some of them supplied with German texts and information could be had from the publisher, Jörgenson. Mr. Conus conducted these songs and the Arensky symphony in a most capable and musicianlike manner.

Of other music heard in Moscow, nothing has left a more favorable recollection than Moussorgsky's musical picture, "Night on a Bare Mountain," in the rearrangement and instrumentation by Rimsky Korsakoff. Here Moussorgsky has created his own themes in full Slavonic character, and every one of the three or four introduced ranks with the most potent of all the older Russian school, with Glinka and Dargomwirshky. That means that more pregnant themes, purely as character themes, will hardly be found in the musical literature of any country. The con-

ductors everywhere should be delighted to find a program selection of this great character and intrinsic value

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A visitor of orchestral and operatic performances in Russia is struck by one element in playing which is at least unique to one who is accustomed to concert life in This is the terrific tempo in which the Russians Germany. play allegro. The last movement of the Arensky symony is marked allegro giocoso. In the all-Russian rendition here there were passages for the violins that were no longer recognizable as anything but a whirr over the strings, though delightful whirr it was. The same is occasionally heard at the opera, in other symphonies and program compositions. Last season a Leipsic pianist of giant strength and bravouristic tendencies played the last movement of the Tschaikowsky B flat minor concerto in this tempo. The performance raised a great enthusiasm and was indeed a frolicsome experience, yet so unique that one didn't know whether it was to be encouraged or not. The pianist had recently returned from a year's residence in Moscow and had not had time to get the speed germs out of his blood.

Madame Valeri and Her Pupil, Louise Ring.

Delia Micucci Valeri, the vocal teacher, has returned to her New York studio at 345 West Fifty-eighth street after



a restful summer passed at Long Beach, L. I., and Lake Mohonk, N. Y. The accompicture, taken at Lake Mohonk, gives a good likeness of Madame Valeri and her pupil, Louise Ring, whose guest she was in the beautiful spot in the Empire State. Miss Ring is a soprano and one of the promising voices in the Valeri studio. Because number of pupils desired it. Madame Valeri has already resumed her teaching, and she states that her prospects for the season are very

bright and decidedly encouraging in every way.

Otto Weinreich's Bookings.

Otto Weinreich is already booked for appearances in Berlin, Hanover, Cassel, Chemnitz, Leipsic and other German cities. He also reserves regular time for teaching.

London Notices of Kirkby-Lunn

The following recent notices of Madame Kirkby-Lunn will show that the contralto has been more than holding her own with the London critics this season at Covent Garden. As Madame Lunn is coming to America in December for another three months' concert tour, these complimentary paragraphs will be read with interest;

Madame Kirkby-Lunn has fully established her claim to be regar-as a great Wagnerian exponent, and again appeared as Fricka character in which she is unequalled. The pure quality of voice is of the greatest service to the music.—London Morning Po-

The one really great piece of work done during the evening was Madame Kirkby-Lunn's singing of the part of Waltraute, which was quite the finest thing heard during the whole cycle. It is not likely that many of the audience have ever heard the glorious music—which is one of the gems of the "Ring"—sung more perfectly.—

The greatest height was reached in the scene of Waltraute, which Madame Kirkby-Lunn sang as it has seldom been sung before. It was certainly the finest quarter of an hour of the whole cycle—and finer singing has not been heard in Covent Garden for a long -London Star

The one perfect piece of singing heard in the "Ring" was that of Madame Kirkby-Lunn as Waltraute in "Götterdammerung." It may be doubted whether it has ever been more beautifully dose, with such a union of deep feeling and never failing beauty of tone and perfect enunciation.—London World.

Michael Hambourg Settles in Toronto.

A great stir has been created in the local musical world this month by the arrival in town of Prof. Michael Hambourg, formerly of Moscow and recently of London, England, and father of Mark Hambourg, the pianist, Boris Hambourg, the noted cellist, and Jan Hambourg, the violinist, the latter having decided to remain in Toronto, where the family will in future reside. It is indeed a compliment to Toronto that Professor Hambourg and his distinguished family, who have spent their lives in the midst of the highest musical culture, should have chosen this city as their permanent home, and their presence already has given a decidedly European air to the local musical colony. Jan Hambourg is a distinguished scholar and has a thorough knowledge of English, German, French and Russian literature and speaks the four languages fluently. Professor Hambourg and his son have taken stuin the new Heintzman Building, where they are already being visited by many students who are anxious to take advantage of the opportunity, without going abroad, to place themselves in training with these eminent teachers ALMA VAN BUSKIRK of the piano and violin,



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GERMANY

A Brahms Schubert evening by Gracia Ricardo was one of musical pleasures of the week. This singer's voice is instantly increasing in volume and power of ex, ression and uses it honestly and with great artistic skill.

FRANCE

Madam Ricardo bad a most remarkable success in the Salledes Agriculteurs last night. The large and elegant audience accorded the singer an ovation, and listened with great pleasure to her beautiful voice and unusual vocal art.

UNITED STATES

New York Musical Courier.

Today Gracia Ricardo is not only a singer with a heautially trained voice, but she is a lyric artist who has a real functional work to do and, what is more, she is going to do



The eighth season of the London Choral Society, wh will begin October 26, is, as at present designed, to consist of four concerts devoted to choral and orchestral works. The society's policy of delaying the completion of the season's list of compositions to be performed until the au-tumn festivals have had opportunity of displaying their novelties has again been adopted. The festivals of Gloucester, Cardiff and Leeds have each announced some new works on their programs, and in the event of them singly or collectively, being thought worthy of a London hearing, the fourth concert of the London Choral Society will be devoted to that object. Among the works to be given at the first, second and third concerts are two new choral works by Ethel Smyth, the composer of the opera, "The Wreckers"; two short cantatas by Bertram Shap leigh; the performance of parts II and III of Granville Bantock's "Omar Khayyam"; parts I and II of Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha"; and Verdi's "Requiem," which has not been heard in London for some years. It is pleasant to record that the forward policy adopted by the London Choral Society has resulted in a consistent and substantial increase of public support and appreciation. The well known interest the society takes in the new and prog sive trend of musical thought finds annual exemplification in the excellently arranged programs. The educational value of all this work must eventually awaken the amateurs of music to a fuller realization of the value and need of a greater interest in new works of an advanced type and high musical aim, if their individual progress is keep pace with their country's musical progress and the ideals of a modern choral society. The directors of the London Choral Society would promptly organize an extension of the society's musical scheme if there were but a reasonable prospect of support for a greater scope. In the course of time a more advanced appreciation must come, and in the meantime the society will continue, no doubt, to give choral concerts, the musical standard of which has vet to be superseded. The conductor of the London Choral Society, Arthur Fagge, to whose discriminating taste and untiring energy so much is due, will continue as heretofore at the head of the organization,

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The Daily Mail of August 24 published the following interesting statement:

James Glover, composer and musical director, of Drury Lane Thecr, will be married on Saturday at Westminster Catholic Cathedral Kathleen Collins. By his special desire not a note of music is

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to be heard at the wedding nor at the reception afterward. Only four friends will accompany the couple to the cathedral, but all the friends they can think of will be asked to meet them afterward.

Drury Lane Theater, let it be noted, is a dramatic ouse, not an opera house. There is more or less distinction as well as difference in the esthetic point of view, musically speaking, of a musical director of a theater and a conductor of an opera house, other things being equal, of course. But who shall say Mr. Glover was not correct in his decision? After a season or more of listening to the usic" furnished at the dramatic houses, and worse still, of directing the same, it is not to be wondered at that on that day of days (even for the sterner sex) he sho wish to be free from all annoyance, all discord and inharmonious concords, and especially one who is a composer, as the notice states. He was unquestionably quite right, . .

Among the novelties on the programs of the Promenade Concerts must be mentioned Vaughan Williams' fantasia on English folk songs, which will be heard for the first time this week, and Arnold Bax's tone poem, "In the Faery Hills," a work dealing with Irish folklore subjects. The work is but one of a series of similar numbers dealing with the same subject, under the general title of "Eire." . .

The suite in E major, for strings, by the American composer, Arthur Foote, heard at the Promenade Concerts,



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August 25, proved to be a very interesting composition, well written, bright in character, and giving well thought out opportunity for the display of its special color scheme.

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Said the London Globe of recent date:

Those who have only known Louis Napoleon Parker as a play-wright and a pageantwright will be interested to learn that he has blossomed forth in a new role, and one in which he seems determined to shine. He is the president of a newly formed Wagner-Association, and he has recently delivered himself of his inaugural address, with doubtless much satisfaction to the assembled ladies and gentlemen. The Wagner Association, we may explain, has been formed with one main object and one subsidiary purpose. The main object is the encouragement by friendly criticism and support of the right performance of Wagner's works in England, and the incidental intention is to secure the special celebration of the cenncidental intention is to secure the special celebration of the cen-enary of Wagner's birth in 1813. So far as concerns the address of the association's president, it reveals a not uncommon error. Loui-

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Napoleon Parker is presumably under the impression that while he has been otherwise engaged no one has taken the slightest interest in the right performance of Wagner's works, although the testimony he subsequently bears to the services of Dr. Richter is in itself a contradiction of his assumption. It is on the critics that the presidential eye is turned in stern reproof. The ordinary person might have imagined that their constant advocacy of a high standard in the performance of Wagner's operas would have gained at least a sentence of presidential encouragement. Quite the opposite. The very first duty of the association is "the education and assistance of those publicists who have to deal with performances of Wagner's works in the daily and weekly papers." If Louis Napoleon Parker is to be believed, the ignorance of these critics is appalling. "They came to this stupendous task in many cases quite unprepared"; they know nothing of the qualities which differentiate Wagner from "any other operatic composer"; they have "only a vague knowledge of his aims," and, worst of all, they are "plagued with the prevailing discase of the critic." This disease of the critic, the genial president goes on to tell us, is "the lust to seem more brilliant than the work he is criticising. Small wonder, then, that they become howlers." Small wonder indeed. Now the society is to make it its business not only to point out the errors of the critics "one by one," but to correct them. But the critic is to be given his chance. These corrections will not in the first instance be administered publicly. They will take the form of "delicately and courteously worded letters to the delinquents themselves." But let the critic beware. He is assured hat "there is an affectionate but watchful eye on him," yet he must understand, too, that behind the affectionate cyc there is the purposeful mind. "If we find him ultimately impervious to our kind and gentle counsels, then we must make him ashamed of pretending to be a prophet when he doean't even po

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The artists engaged for the Thomas Beecham autumu season of grand opera at Covent Garden include the fol-Anna Bahr-Mildenburg (of the Imperial Opera Vienna), Edyth Walker (of the Hamburg Opera), Ruth Vincent, Agnes Nicholls, Perceval Allen, Mignon Nevada (of the Costanzi Opera, Rome), Gleeson White. Maggie Teyte, Margaret Lémon (of the Metropolitan Opera), Beatrice la Palme, Fräulein Petzl (of the Hamburg Opera), Zelie de Lussan, Edna Thornton, Muriel Terry, Herr Forchhammer (of the Frankfort Opera), John Coates, Walter Hyde, Joseph O'Mara, Frederic Austin, Allen Hinckley (of the Metropolitan Opera), Robert Radford, Clarence Whitehill (of the Metropolitan Opera), Lewys James, Harry Dearth, Murray Davey. The conductors, in addition to Thomas Beecham, are Percy Pitt, Alfred Hertz, L. Camilieri and Cuthbert Hawley.

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Among the recent arrivals to London are Clarence Whitehill, Alfred Mildenberg, Frederick C. Whitney, W lliam Tomlins and Mrs. Klauser, widow of the late Julius Klauser, of "Septonate" fame.

Boris Hambourg, the cellist, who will be heard in America this coming season, has been spending some time on the Continent and taking the cure at Bad Gastein,

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Austria. Mr. Hambourg will return in time for his tour through England which precedes his American tour,

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Tina Lerner has been engaged as soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra, under Dr. Hans Richter, for the regular subscription concert of February 13.

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The Carl Rosa Opera Company will present Goldmark's opera, "The Queen of Sheba," at the Kennington Theater, August 29. After the Kennington engagement the company will go on tour.

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ganization, under the conductorship of Lieutenant A. Williams, has been playing all season at the Japanese Exhibiexcellent programs well arranged, which have won for the band and its conductor well merited praise and endorsement. EVELYN KAESMANN.

Concert News from the Oranges.

Alma Gluck, the young prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera House, h.s been engaged for the first concert of the Woman's Club, of Orange, N. J., which takes place on the evening of October 31. The Flonzaley Quartet will be the attraction for the second concert of the season, after the new year. Besides these big concerts, a number of minor affairs will be given in East Orange during the winter as heretofore.

Senator W. B. Heyburn, of Idaho, forbid an orchestra to play "Dixie" at a to Congressman Hamer at Wallace, Idaho. Oh, well, that is one of the ways to get one's name in the papers.-Rochester Post-Express.

Colored Organist Dead.

Lucy Scott, a colored organist, died at Waterbury, Conn., last week from paralysis. She had filled the position at the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in that city. Miss Scott was a graduate of the Waterbury High School and was well trained in music. She was thirty-three years old and much esteemed among both races.

Carl at Hont Blanc.

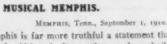
The accompanying picture shows William C. Carl, the The band of the Grenadier Guards has left for Canada New York organist, and his Swiss guide, Cupelin Aristo fulfill a number of engagements at the National Extide, crossing the famous Glacier des Bossons at the foot hibition at Toronto. This excellent or-



WILLIAM C. CARL IN THE ALPS

Emilie Hertzog, for twenty-one years the first colora- of Mont Blanc. Mr. Carl had a fine trip through tura soprano of the Berlin Royal Opera, has resigned Switzerland. Two weeks ago he climbed five thousand from that institution and said farewell to the operatic stage.

A woman recognized an old, long missing sweetheart by his voice as he called out the names of stations in the Hudson tube. Fear of such things probably accounts for most conductors apparently disquising their natural voices.-Milwaukee Sentinel



Musicless Memphis is far more truthful a statement than the heading hereof. Although the weather sends parboiled people to the parks the free concerts have ceased, much to the public regret. The seven weekly concerts he'd in five widely scattered parks delighted many besides toning the public taste very appreciably,

The Repertoire Club is the only association so far to begin the season's work. In fact, the recently played program can scarcely be said to have opened the new year, as many of the members are not as yet at home and there-

fore the work was more in the nature of a preliminary meeting and practice. Those present enjoyed the program greatly, however, and the club will shortly get down to serious work on the programs mapped out by the director, Mrs. Trezevant

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Nola Nance Oliver, Press Secretary for the National Federation of Music Clubs, is at home again after a serious illness and a term in St. Joseph's Hospital, the result of a recent accident, already mentioned in a previous letter

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At the Metropolitan Opera House, where Madame de Pasuali will begin her third season in November, she has won the great public by her remarkable singing of roles like Lucia, Violetta, Rosina, Norina, Adina, Michaela, Suzanna, etc. One time last season, Madame de Pasquali distinguished herself at the New Theater, singing the part of Mimi in "La Boheme." At the Brooklyn Academy of Music when the Metropolitan Company gave "Marta," she appeared as the Lady Henrietta, and once again the marvelous beauty of her high tones delighted the most critical ears in the house.

In Philadelphia with the same company she sang, on a few hours' notice, before an immense house, the exacting part of Gilda in "Rigoletto," and won golden opinions. Caruso was the Duke of this performance, and the enthusiastic audicuce compelled the soprano to share in the honors of the night with the famous tenor. Another time at very short notice, Madame de Pasquali sang the role of Nedda in "I Pagliacci," and she did it with such grace and distinction that she was universally praised, not only for her voice and art, but for good fellowship toward her colleagues and the management, for had she been unable or unwilling to sing a role not in her repertory, it would have

been necessary to change the opera, and that is always a costly and harassing duty for impresarios.

Before singing in her own country (Madame de Pasquali is a native of Boston. Her family name is James), this prima donna won her laurels in Europe, particularly in Italy, in Cuba, Mexico and South Africa. In all of these countries she had delightful experiences, and achieved unquestioned popularity.

As The Musical Courier has stated in a previous issue, Madame de Pasquali cut short her trip abroad this summer in order to return to this country for the première of Floridia's opera in Cincinnati. A criticism of the first production of that opera with Madame de Pasquali in the title role was published in this paper last week. Today a criticism from the Cincinnati Times-Star is appended:

Madame di Pasquali made an impression and created a sensation. She has been announced the successor of Sembrich, yet her voice is something different in quality. Taking the most difficult effects with case and indulging in all the varied difficulties of the old Italian coloratura style, Pasquali is more and better than a mere bravura singer. The tone of her voice is that of the richly colored lyric sopano, which is characteristic of the best American singers, Eames, Farrar, Nevada, Thursby and a host of others. It is distinctly the American voice. Her art is that of the most finished European schools, exquisite phrasing, perfect command of the mezzo voce and the long light bird calls of the assecuato. Pasquali is a glorious singer and a delightful artist. She was the greatest surprise afforded by the opera of "Paoletta."

Kellerman's Successes at Chautauqua.

Marcus Kellerman, the bass-baritone, appeared at the principal concerts during the month of August at Chautauqua Assembly on Lake Chautauqua, N. Y. In fact, the singer's engagements began on the evening of July 30,

when he was the soloist at the concert given by the New York Symphony Orchestra. His singing of "Danny Deever" aroused tremendous enthusiasm, and while he was repeatedly recalled, the "no encore rule" was enforced. August 2, Mr. Kellerman's principal number at the concert was the "Toreador Song" from "Carmen," which he sang with passion and splendid quality of tone and breath control. August 12, the Chautauqua forces presented Sullivan's "Golden Legend," Mr. Kellerman taking the part of Lucifer. The critics and other artists were as enthusiastic over his work on this occasion as the great audience assembled in the Auditorium.

Mr. Kellerman achieved one of his greatest triumphs on August 15, when he was heard in music of contrasting schools. He sang the part of Robin Hood in "The May Queen," and was one of the solosists in Gade's "Earl King's Daughter," and his noble voice was later heard in the title role of Elgar's "King Olaf." August 17, Mr. Kellerman was the bass soloist in the performance of the song cyle, "The Garden of Kama," by Harry Vincent, In addit on to his remarkable voice, so vibrant and of extended range, Mr. Kellerman's art is notable for temperament and unusual intelligence. He learns new parts in less time than it takes the average singer to read a score. It is because of his ready musicianship and capacity for study that no task is too much and for that reason musical directors early in the season have sent in demands for Kellerman.

During the season which is now about to begin Mr. Kellerman will make a number of tours. There is one tour of twelve weeks with the Minneapolis Orchestra, another week with the St. Paul Orchestra, and later a recital tour in the South. The Apollo Club, of Chicago, is among the prominent organizations which have engaged Kellerman for concerts this season.

Marcus Kellerman's repertory includes a wide range of compositions, consisting of operatic arias in the different languages, classic and modern oratorios, German lieder, French chansons, and old and modern songs sung in Euglish. Mr. Kellerman's fine stage presence is another factor that has contributed to his successes.

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The year books for the season 1910-11 of the Music Study Club are just out, showing bi-weekly programs from October to May, inclusive, of modern French and Russian Since its organization five years ago this club has devoted a year and a half to the study of the beginning o' music, two years and a half to music of the German school and one year to American music. The two open meetings of the club are to be devoted to Saint-Saëns and Massenet for the French and Tschaikowsky for the Russian. The membership of this club now numbers 183, an increase over last year of about five members. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. Victor Hanson, president; Mrs. Frank Jones, vice president; Edith Bowron, secretary; Mrs. G. F. Harrington, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. A. Porter, treasurer. The program committee for this year is as follows: Edna Gockel-Gussen, chairman; Mrs. Frank Jones, Mrs. W. H. Welch, Mrs. Edward Castle Wells, Monetta Stribling-Wells, Laura Jackson-Davids. The club is also served by an executive committee of eleven.

Edward G. Powell, bass singer and teacher, of New York City, who has been spending several weeks here in Birmingham, his former home, left for New York Saturday,

Marie Kern-Mullen, the well known contralto, has not yet returned from her summer in Germany. During her bsence Mr. Powell has occupied her vocal studio in the Forbes building.

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Mrs. James Wallace Dean, of New York City, the possessor of a fine mezzo-contralto voice, was a recent visitor in this city, much to the delight of a favored company, who were the guests of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Dean, on the afternoon of August 11, when she sang a varied and interesting program.

Corrie Handley, teacher-pianist and organist, who has been touring Europe with Mrs. F. G. Alexander's party, returned to Birmingham last week. She resumes her lessons at her studio in the Cable building, September 1. During Miss Handley's absence her place as organist at the First Methodist Church was filled by her sister, Virginia Handley

Mrs. Flournoy Rivers is spending the late summer in the North and East.

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Glen O. Friermood and Mrs. Friermood, née Ila Nunnally, were visitors in the city yesterday, having just re-turned from a summer abroad. They left today for a visit to Mrs. Friermood's people in Ashville, Ala.

Mrs. Truman Aldrich, Jr., made her second appearance as piano soloist at Ravinia Park, Chicago, on the evening August 25, when she played the Liszt E flat concerto with the New York Symphony Orchestra.

Another soloist at Ravinia this past week was Elizabeth Barbour, formerly of this city. Miss Barbour played the first movement of the Grieg A minor concerto.

. . . In honor of Jane Cotten, of San Antonio, Tex., Mrs. O. L. Stephenson entertained some fifty of her friends at a musicale on the afternoon of August 23. The program was given by Mrs. R. T. Williams, contralto; Julia Chenoweth, violinist; Edward G. Powell, of New York City. basso, and Laura Jackson Davids, accompanist,

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Sara Mallam, soprano, is in Chicago at work with her former teacher, Miss Breed. After a visit East Miss Mal-lam will return to Birmingham to resume her vocal activ-LAURA JACKSON DAVIDS.

Arens' Pupils Have Triumphs in "Paoletta."

In connection with the performances of Floridia's opera "Paoletta" in Cincinnati, an American vocal teacher added greatly to his reputation. This master is Franz X. Arens of New York, who is the teacher of Edna Showalter and Humbird Duffey. Miss S'owalter's beautiful lyric voice with its marvelous coloratura range, was heard to fine advantage in the title role of the opera. The young singer is alternating with Madam: de Pasquali, who appeared at the première. Miss Showalter's debut occurred on the night of the second public performance and she has reason to feel happy over her success. Mr. Duffey, it will be remembered, was formerly a baritone. Mr. Arens discovered that the true timbre of his voice was tenor and he at once trained the singer for his new place on the lyric stage. Both Miss Showalter and Mr. Duffey captured the ears of the critical by the beauty of their sing Such tone production shows that Arens is master of his art. He not only embodies the principles of bel canto, something more beside.

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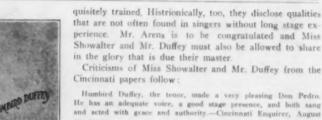
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Humbird Dufley, as Don Pedro, who also made his initial appearance last night, revealed a fine tenor and an artistic finish to his elivery which made his appearance the signal for a warm applause.

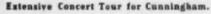
-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, August 30, 1910.

Humbird Duffey, adding to his gallant a pearance and dramatic play a tenor voice of the first order, took the audience by surprise. His vocal gift ranges in pure quality and without impairing its tone through the entire scale of the voice. His was an immediate and lasting success, and during the run of "Paoletta" Mr. Duffey may expect to duplicate in this city his triumphs in the East.—Cincinnati Times-Star, August 30, 1910.

Edna Showalter, who assumed the role of Paoletta, is a young singer with all the odds in her favor, and fitted admirably the exactions of the part. There is a youthful freshness and brilliance as well as tonal beauty in her voice, large factors in her success of last night, which was complete and immediate. Moreover, her very ratisfying vocal equipment was reenforced by a dramatic ability which enabled her to give the role of Paoletta an original as well in piquant impersonation. Miss Showalter rendered the colorature passages with distinct success and delightfully clear and pure voice quality.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, Se tember 1, 1910.

Edna Showalter, a gifted young socrano, essayed the title role last night. She is chysically well suited for the part and played it well. Her voice is particularly well trained for the florid passages which abound in the opera . . . but in the colorature side her execution was unusually fine, her trill in particular being exquisite.

—Cincinnati Enquirer, September 1, 1910.



The extensive plans which Claude Cunningham is making for his concert tour this coming season recalls the not ible triumph that the baritone made several years ago when he returned to America from England in support of Adelina Patti on her farewell tour. In the first concert given by the Patti company in San Francisco, Mr. Cunningham opened the program with an aria, "Eri tu che Macchiavi," from Verdi's "Masked Ball." At the outset the audience appeared restless and anxious for the next number, but as Mr. Cunningham proceeded, interest and enthusiasm increased until Madame Patti was apparently forgotten, so great was the demonstration that followed. Mr. Cunning-ham was obliged to respond to fourteen recalls and to sing three extra songs. In the meanwhile Patti was standing in her dressing room waiting to "go on." The tour with Patti established Mr. Cunningham in his native land and he has since attained fame as an oratorio and song recital artist.



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"THERE is music in everything," remarks an exchange which ought to know better.

OWING to the Labor Day holiday, THE MUSICAL COURIER this week will be published twenty-four hours later than usual.

A prospective bride has forsaken marriage for music by breaking her engagement and accepting work in the field of art. Good subject for Dr. Roosevelt.

MADAME SCHUMANN-HEINK, who appeared at several open air Chautauquas this summer, told the reporters recently that she sang "in tents." Also the audience found her to be intense.

According to Modern Electrics (Chicago), science now offers us an "electric violin player." We long have had the merely magnetic fiddle virtuoso and are willing to have him improved if that can

RECENT estimates place the country's expenditure for baseball at \$20,000,000 per annum. should silence all those who malign the United States constantly by saying that it does not appre-

By M. Fernande Mazade, in the Paris Revue, the query is put forth: "What is Fear?" It is that feeling which assails European opera singers when September 1 puts in an appearance and finds them without a current season contract for America.

THE negro music festival, held in Atlanta (Ga.) on August 6, was a revelation. The audience of 5,000, one-fifth being white, was surprised and delighted at the excellence of the work done by the 100 singers, who showed good training and comprehension.

THE London Symphony Orchestra—as reported by our London correspondent-is arranging its programs for next season. Richter and Nikisch again are to conduct these concerts and a third man has been engaged for a few-Herr Müller-Reuter, conductor of the orchestra at Crefeld, Germany.

NEVADA'S movement to establish a State Music Teachers' Association is a worthy one, but the "license plank" contemplated as a part of its constitution will bear absolutely no practical results, for reasons often explained in THE MUSICAL COURIER. Who is to do the examining, and who will examine the examiners?

UPTON SINCLAIR, of "Jungle" fame, agitates for an endowment to be granted young authors so that they may give the world the benefit of their genius. Mr. Sinclair may not know it, but he is stealing belatedly the thunder of Richard Wagner, who, in his letters to Liszt, repeatedly urged the same philanthropical plan for composers.

THE new violin case mentioned in THE MUSICAL Courier recently as having been patented by Bronislaw Hubermann is described as follows in a foreign technical publication: "The English patent office has just granted rights to Bronislaw Hubermann (as No. 16,006) for a violin case, around which a double pneumatic space is fixed, which, through its peculiar qualities, offers a great resistance, almost equal to automobile pneumatics and fits exactly around the violin case. On one of the sides there is a safety valve. Through this the air is pumped into the double pneumatic. The safety valve closes automatically and the violin is ready for transportation. The enclosed air, giving the envelope the highest possible elasticity, protects

the precious instrument of the artist against any pushing, falling, knocking, etc., or any other traveling incident, as surely as any insurance company could do. The Hubermann patent seems to be applicable also for the transportation of pictures, statuary, or other fragile objects of value.

ONE Cupolo, a young Italian conductor-manager, is giving a season of Rossini, Verdi and Donizetti, in Nuremberg, Germany, the company consisting of young Italian singers. As there is rarely any real singing-operatic singing-heard in the German cities, this company of Italian unknowns seems to give great pleasure to the genial Teutons-and so near to Bayreuth, too.

MUSICIANS point with pride to the fact that Camille Saint-Saëns has made discoveries in mathematics which have been recognized by French academies. Why go beyond music for proofs of Saint-Saëns' greatness? Newton, for instance, certainly would not have been a more remarkable scientist if he had possessed also the ability to give recitals on the viola da gamba.

Among the soloists to be heard this season with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra are Pasquale Amato, Alma Gluck, Francis Macmillen, Josef Malkin, Madame Schumann-Heink, David Bispham, Yolanda Mérö, Harold Randolph, Ernest Hutchinson, etc. The rehearsals for the orchestra will begin on October 10, and the first concert will be given on Friday afternoon, October 14. Carl Pohlig, the conductor, who has spent most of his summer at his new villa, in Planegg, outside of Munich, has been in touch with the musical centers of the old world. Previous to arriving in Munich Mr. Pohlig spent some time in Paris and other centers abroad, and will visit a number of the leading cities before he sails for America the latter part of

PLANS for the coming season at the Metropolitan Opera have begun to take such shape that a general preliminary survey of the situation there is possible, even at this early date. The list of sopranos will include Mmes. Morena, Melba, Destinn, Farrar, Gluck, Nielsen, Villani, Weidt, Gadski, Lipkowska, Oerner, Carmen-Melis, De Pasquali, Rappold, Sparkes and Van Dyck. Of tenors there are to be Messrs. Caruso, Constantino, Lassalle, Sciaretti, Audisio, Bada, Bayer, Burrian, Glenn Hall, Jadlowker, Jörn, Koch, Riccardo Martin, Reiss, Slezak, and Smirnoff. The singers for mezzo and contralto roles include Mmes. Koch-Boehm, Milestone, Lugli, Mariska Aldrich, Borniggia, Flahaut, Ho-Mapleson, Maubourg, Mattfeld, Snelling, Wakefield, Wickham, Woehning. Baritones and bassos will be Bakhlanoff, Galeffi, Renaud, Amato, Scotti, Begué, Campanari, Gilly, Goritz, Hinshaw, Missiano, Reschiglian, Soomer, Reiner, Bourgeois. Didur, Hinckley, Pini-Corsi, Rossi, Bothier, Ruysdael, de Segurola, Witherspoon. Among the novelties in the way of operas, Signor Gatti-Casazza announces Puccini's "Girl of the Golden West." Humperdinck's "Die Königskinder," and Dukas' "Ariane et Barbe Bleu." Other works in the prespectus as at present projected, embrace "Armide,"
"Romeo et Juliette," "Mefistofele," "Orfeo,"
"Meistersinger," "Fidelio," "Somnambula," " Carmen," "Don Pasquale," "L'Elisir d'Amore," "Favorita," "Lucia," "Marta," "Germania," "Faust," "Hänsel and Gretel," "Pagliacci," "Caval'eria Rusticana," "Manon," "Werther," "Les Huguenots," "Don Giovanni," "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Gioconda," "Bohème," "Madama Butterfly," "Tosca," Barbiere di Siviglia," "The Bartered Bride," "Mignon," "Pique Dame," "Aîda," "Un Ballo in Maschera," "Falstaff," "Rigoletto," "Traviata," "Trovatore," "Otello," "The Flying Dutchman," "Tristan and Isolde," "Rheingold," "Walkure," "Siegfried," "Götterdämmerung," "Parsifal," and "Freischütz."



"Four hundred and more sonatas for violin and concert givers," says Henry T. Finck. This is the circle.

first time most of those composers ever were mentioned in print.

. . . Theodore Spiering has been working hard this summer in Europe, scoring for orchestra the big C major fugue of Bach (from the fifth violin sonata), which he intends to play at one of his recitals here this season. Spiering is planning to hear Mahler's new eighth symphony at Munich, and then will sail for this country about October 8, to resume his duties as concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic Society.

William Herrick, of No. 1589 McClellan avenue, Detroit, Mich., megaphones the news to a grateful nation that he has invented a musical instrument to be known hereafter as the "banjolin."

. . There was once a composer who sat in the front row at the first night of a new opera of his own. The work failed. It failed dreadfully. As the composer sat, pale, and sad, amid the silence, a woman behind him leaned forward and said:

"Excuse me, sir, but, knowing you to be the creator of this work, I took the liberty, at the beginning of the performance, of snipping off a lock of your hair. Allow me now to return it to you."-Apologies to Tit-Bits.

. . . A polite correspondent writes to THE MUSICAL COURIER: "Permit me to state that I consider your attacks on automobile horns and signals to be most unreasonable and even foolish. How could pedestrians possibly save themselves from being run over, if approaching motor cars could not warn them by means of those very signalling devices which you condemn so illogically?" Very simple. The pedestrians should stay off the streets. They have no right to be there.

Good advice comes from John Philip Sousa to all those young men who insist on crowding themselves into the closely packed ranks of the vocalists, fiddlers, pianists and string players. The famous composer-conductor says: "To the young man with talent I would advise that he study and learn to excel as a player of the saxophone, oboe, bassoon, bass and alto clarinet, tuba and French horn if he desires to command a good salary in the musical pro-

M M M Brother Regal, of the Springfield Republican, has joined the ranks of the satirical poets with this:

Strauss is a master of such hideous din As to be hated needs but to begin; But done too oft or with too furious brays
We first grow deaf, then silly, and then praise.

Hearken to the cable: "Bzzz-spst-bzzz-zppp -G-George-George Bernard Shaw-bzzz-bzzz -is in favor of cremation." Whose, this time? ...

What with Margaret Mayo's "Baby Mine" and Jules Eckert Goodman's "Mother," the family Mr. Kipling's dictum that the East and the West seems to be well represented in New York drama never shall meet.

Strindberg's "The Father" ought to this winter. piano by living composers are at the disposal of be given also, in order to complete the domestic

> A French physician tells us that in the year 2170 all the Americans will have gone crazy. If all the French are sane by that time, there need be no worry in between about the world's balance of men-

MUNICH. August 16, 1910. Dear Variations:

I send you from these thirst-arousing "Kunst Begeisterung erweckenden" shores of Isar my heartiest greetings. I spent most of my summer most delightfully



ELSA VON GRAVE AT LISZT'S WRITING DESK.

in dear old Weimar, and am saturated with anecdotes of Goethe, dripping with sayings from Schiller, and primed with bon mots credited to Liszt, at whose Tusculum I spent the most delightful hours of my stay. I am an old friend of Pauline, the aged housekeeper at Liszt's forgarden home, and she has permitted me to spend considerable time there, playing on the piano in his study, and even sitting in the great man's chair at his writing (The accompanying snapshot shows that hallowed

Regarding my own picture, those who do not know me will say: "What a splendid likeness," and the others will think: "How she has changed."

I am happy to say that I have a great many engage-"What a splendid likeness," and the others

ments for the winter and will be kept busy. Even in Weimar I had plenty of proof that "Variations" always is hailed with delight there. My very best wishes and cordial greetings,

> Yours sincerely, ELSA VON GRAVE,

"Novelties" at the Chicago Opera this season: "Thais," "The Juggler of Notre Dame," "Pelleas et Melisande," "Salome," "Louise" and "Les Contes d'Hoffmann."

. . . Ceylon wants grand opera. Good-bye, then, to LEONARD LIEBLING.

RUBINSTEIN PRIZE WINNERS. .

[By Cable.]

To the Musical Courier:

The famous Rubinstein prizes, for which a competition is held every five years, were awarded today to Emil Frey, of Baden, for composition; and to Alfred Noehn, of Frankfurt, for piano-playing.

IS IT METRO?

New York, September 1, 1910;

To The Musical Courier

Your paper of August 31 states that the company of opera singers for opera in Mexico City is, to a degree, a section of the New York Metropolitan Opera Company. Signor Centanini being at the head of the company and also managing the Russian dancer, Pavlowa, who is to at the Metropolitan, it might be regular to ask whether Signor Centanini is backed by the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, because artists (that is, gers, musicians, costumers also) and all such as what we call business in America, should know, before making contracts or even after having made them, whether the New York Metropolitan Opera Company is to be looked to as a responsibility in the Centanini enterprises. From your very columns the information was gleaned that Centanini was no longer on the staff of Gatti-Casazza, no longer on the executive staff, is Centanini advanced to a more responsible position, or was he requested to retire from the organization, and if so, why this studied silence, broken only by your, apparently inspired, indirect item, or rather misdirect item?

Many people in America and Europe are interested in opera pecuniarily, and they, as well as your readers generally, should know why it is that such obscurity, such veiling of information obtains in the case of Centanini, and furthermore, whether the Metropolitan Opera Company "backs" him or whether it is because the company does not "back" him that he is now in the field operating without the definite, publicly announced, backing, which should be known if it exists and if it does not, also known How are the faithful artists to be protected if the Metropolitan Opera Company permits the use of its name with the Centanini enterprises, when there would be no such enterprises had the Metropolitan Opera Company seen fit to retain, for its own purposes, the valuable services of Centanini? Would it not be more circumspect for Centanini to explain, at once, his relations to the Metropolitan Opera Company than for the Metropolitan Opera Company to remain silent regarding Centanini? In other words, ne of us musicians would like to know where we stand and we would like to know because a spirit of mystery envelops the Centanini enterprises as related to his former

THE MUSICAL COURIER is unable to say whether the Metropolitan Opera Company is the "backer' of the Centanini enterprise. The attorney of the company, on being asked for an explanation or statement, refused to reply. Rumor has it that Centanini was told that his resignation from the Metropolitan Opera Company would be accepted, and that he thereupon resigned, effect to be taken at a subsequent date. But his later contracts with the company, as shown by above letter, go far to show that he is in the confidence of the Metropolitan Opera House or its officers. If this is not so, some explanation should be forthcoming; if it is so, it should also be made public.

WILL song recital programs this season be on the approved polyglot plan? If so, why? It is time, too, to think less about the chronology of the music and more about the spirit of the art. No singer need hesitate to put German lieder in a group with songs in English, or German lieder with French chansons. There are no hide-bound rules governing programs.' Above all. let singers remember the lists of lieder Dr. Wüllner gave us. There was no polyglot about them.

THE outside of the Metropolitan Opera House is placarded with huge billboards bearing announcements of the operas and singers to be brought here next winter by the Chicago Opera Company. So far, the enterprise looks like a literal transplantation of the Hammerstein Manhattan Opera organization and repertory,



NOTICE TO PUBLISHERS.

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Particular attention given to works of American composers and their products.

SUICIDE AS A PASTIME.

With that disgruntled youth of twenty who blows out his brains, as the expression runs, because his eleventh symphony has been rejected by the Philharmonic Society we are not concerned. We know that if his genius for symphony writing had been as great as his self-importance he would have devoted his time to the improvement of his scores rather than vent his spite on himself merely because the world put a true value on him. The musical world would be the gainer if a good many of these living examples of the exaggerated "I" put around their necks their suspenders, now used for ignoble but necessary ends, and hanged themselves in an inconspicuous alley. At present, however, it is not our purpose to dwell on these gruesome things. Those who want that kind of reading are referred to the biographies of the Roman emperors. Of a goodly number of them the epitaph is "se interfecit." For a poetical version of the philosophical aspect of suicide we are quite satisfied with the reflections Shakespeare has put into the mouth of Hamlet, which reflections, by the way, are very much in the vein of those Plato has put into the mouth of Socrates shortly before that stubborn old gentleman drank his hemlock. Then there are the snarlings of Schopenhauer for those who like to take their miseries sadly. We are too cheerful to remain long in these dark catacombs. At the same time we leave to others the humorous side of the question. We feel our incapacity to explain the motives of the wretched woman, who on her way to the river to drown herself turned back to her home again to get an umbrella on account of the rain. This physical side of suicide has occupied the attention of many writers. Requiescat in pace! Our subject is artistic suicide. That is a more subtle and insinuating malady than the mere taking of one's own life. And besides it concerns you!

THE DAYS THAT ARE NO MORE.

You remember when you returned from your sojourn as a student in Europe. You had lived abroad long enough to have your sense of beauty developed, and you were shocked by the clanging bells, discordant whistles, unsightly river craft, and unswept wooden wharves of New York. Do these things disturb you now? Not in the least. You can while

Coney Island with never a twinge of artistic con- the hills and vales of Hampstead Heath. science. Even the lumbering freight barges with their coughing tugs and the shapeless dull brown ferry boats are now a welcome sight to you when you return to New York from uglier and more barren cities south and west of us. In spite of the fact that in Europe beauty is thrust upon you, while in the United States utility is paramount, and beauty must be diligently sought, you do not give any of that time you spent in Europe seeking the beautiful to the search for the beautiful in your own country. You were once a student in Leipsic in the years gone by. Did you pass all your time at harmony and counterpoint, or at the violin and piano? You certainly must have strolled occasionally to the Rosental, or scaled the Napoleonstein, and without question you heard many a Gewandhaus concert. Perhaps you lived in Munich and knew the old and the new Pinakothek inside out, or in Dresden, or Berlin, with all those wonderful concerts and royal operas. You walked through the Black Forest, climbed the interminable steps of the tower of Ulm, or journeyed further north and watched with delight the shadows of the feathery spires of Cologne cathedral dance in the ripples of the Rhine. Florence, with fair Fiesole, its Ponte Vecchio, Il Duomo, its Loggia, Ghiberti's doors of bronze, and Ciotto's marble Campanile, its memories of Dante, Michael Angelo, and Cellini, enchanted you a few years ago when you were learning to sing. Or perhaps that queen of modern cities, Paris, was once your home. You knew the Louvre with its inexhaustible treasures of art, medieval Notre Dame, the exquisite little Sainte Chapelle, that gem of fretted stone and colored glass, La Madelaine, the Opera House, the shady avenues of the Bois, the flowers of the Champs Elysees, and the panoramas from the walled embankments of the Seine. Vast London with its wealth of historical romance awakened your younger imagination. You recall the thrill you felt when first you stood on the Albert Embankment opposite the magnificent Houses of Parliament, rising from the Thames that mirrors the countless pinnacles and spires. The lofty, spacious grandeur of St. Paul's, and the endless corridors of the British Museum interested you once when you stood beside the marbles from the Parthenon with the marks of the chisel of Phidias still on them, or you looked into the Grecian drinking cups from which perchance Anacreon had sipped his Lesbian wine. You never can forget Westminster Abbey and the mellow light that rested on the tombs of those who sleep within the walls of that old shrine in dust that has been revered for a thousand years. Perhaps you mingled among the thirteen thousand listeners in the auditorium of that greatest of all concert rooms, the Royal Albert Hall, and heard the monster organ and a thousand performers in an English oratorio. You knew weather-beaten Covent Garden Opera House. St. James' and Queen's Hall, as well as many another concert hall in that immeasurable metropolis. In those days of enthusiasm you did not miss a picture in the National, Tate, Wallace, Kensington,

away a happy day among the garish frivolities of found delight in the sylvan loveliness of Kew and

HOME AT LAST.

Full of ambition, sensitive to art and to all expression of the beautiful, you returned to your native land. The discord, dirt, and clatter of commerce offended you for a year or so, but you became insensitive to them in time because of your inability to hold to your ideal in a land where art and beauty are not forced on you as they are in other lands. You found it an exertion to seek the beauties that you were accustomed to enjoy without trouble in Europe. You were once highly indignant at the mean architecture, bad pavements, obtrusive trade signs, garbage cans and litter of many New York streets. Now you saunter through as unsightly a thoroughfare as Broadway between Thirtythird and Fortieth streets without an artistic jar. That yellow brick barn which is the external cover of our opera house caused you many a heartache when you remembered the architectural glories of Europe. Now you light your cigar under its low porch with perfect equanimity. Occasionally, perhaps, when the crude art of the board fence advertisement painter exceeds even its prerogative to barbarity a fleeting memory of a veiled Murillo or a dusky Rembrandt may come back to you, reminding you of the art world over the sea. But there the matter ends. You do not go straightway to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park to fortify your imagination and thrust out of your mind the detestable drawing and vile coloring of the tailor and whiskey pictures on our public buildings and walls. You now could hardly distinguish between a Rubens red and a Velazquez gray.

When you first came home from the cathedrals of France and England you railed at the laxity of the laws that permitted an engineer to pile so high, for the sake of economy of land, those utilitarian offices which make the skyline of New York look like a gigantic broken comb on edge. But have you studied the decorated Gothic of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fifth avenue, or watched the new library at the corner of Forty-second street grow into a thing of classical beauty? Twenty-five centuries of art are manifested in those Greco-Roman and Italian lines and proportions. Then there is a tiny cottage in Fordham within our city's limits which ought to be a shrine for every professed lover of literature, music, and art in the land, for it used to be the home of Poe. It was a crude New York that Poe knew seventy-five years ago. Yet his imagination did not die within him because of his surroundings. His humble cottage now bears a wooden sign big enough for a country store, advertising the occupier's occupation, which is not that of Edgar Allan Poe. A little higher up the Hudson is the home of Washington Irving. His imagination peopled Sleepy Hollow with its genial folk, and made the Catskills immortal with the little Dutchmen and Rip Van Winkle. Emerson, Longfellow, Bryant, Poe, Irving, have invaded Europe with their poetry of America. Yet you are content to say you have no Dulwich, and the other galleries of London, and you time to seek these beauties and no impulse to ex-

press them in a national style. Anybody can be an artist of a sort in Europe, because music, literature, architecture, pictures, parks, and historic rivers abound on every side. One must be made of sterner stuff to hold to the ideal in noisy, manufacturing, and rough America. Yet if your ideal fades and your imagination fails without a struggle on your part you are committing artistic suicide. Turners, Reynolds, Rembrandts, Corots of the Metropolitan gallery do not interest you, be sure the fault is in you. Your senses are becoming dulled. It is high time you began a regular pilgrimage to the art house in the Park. It will not be long before the foaming streams of Ruysdael move again in your imagination as they did in Holland long ago, and soon will you soar on the wings of thought to the summer seas of ancient Greece, and Bougereau's painted canvas will become the living Venus rising from the blue waters with her dolphins and laughing elves. It is worth the trouble.

YOUR STREET PIANO RECITALS.

You hear a torturing street-piano firing out the latest popular vulgarity like bullets from a Maxim gun, and you may go so far as to express disapproval. But do you attend the Philharmonic and Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts to restore your wounded sense of musical beauty? Do you go to hear the magical tones of Busoni and the witcheries of De Pachmann? Or are you content to let the thuds and thumps and savage jingles of the street-piano's "rag-time" remain your last musical impression? During your dinner at the restaurant some long-haired, low-browed Italian; or uncouth Hungarian fiddler forces you to hear the frenzy and the sobbing of his exaggerated sentimentality. Kreisler, Macmillan, and Sébald may come and go and come again for all you care. You have lost interest in the quartet and the concerto. There is a screw loose somewhere in your musical make-up.

Perhaps your neighbors have cheap mechanical music-boxes that screech and bellow imitations of well known artists till you have lost your memory of the human voice and have come to accept the machine's strident rasp as "just as good."

How often do you hear the old familiar operas of your student days, and the later operas of the younger school? Yet never in Leipsic, and seldom in Paris and London, could you hear such splendid operatic performances as it is your privilege to enjoy in New York if you will take the trouble to do so. And what do you read?-the poets, essayists, and the magazines? Or is your pabulum the crime and scandal of the red-headlined sensation mongers? Of course you are having a good time of it, and are possibly making money. You even may be aware of this diminution of your art sense and this atrophy of your imaginative faculties. It is no concern of ours how you feel or what you think. We are considering the matter solely from its art-ideal point of view. Baseball, rowing, motoring, skyflying, may now absorb the energies that once were directed through the channels of imaginative art. If such is the case you are committing art suicide as a pastime.

CLAYTON F. SUMMY COMPANY, CHICAGO (PUB-LISHED FOR THE AUTHOR), J. B. H. VAN DER VELPEN.

Harmony and Therough Bass.

The preface of this work informs us that the author graduated from the Brussels Conservatory of Music in 1854, and that he was a pupil of Fêtis, and that he has been a teacher for fifty-four years. It is therefore our pleasant duty to pay our respects to his age and experience, and to wish him health and happiness for many a When he was at school Chopin was startling his little circle of friends with his strange harmonies, and Poe was doing newspaper hack work with the manuscript of "The Rayen" in his pocket. But we must put our sentiment on one side and come down to the critical task of reviewing a theory of harmony. In the first place we cannot altogether agree with our author when he tells us that "the modern diatonic major scale consists of two Lydian tetrachords combined. Each tetrachord is a diatonic passage of four notes forming a fourth from the

lowest to the highest note." To begin with, our tuning differs from that of the ancient Greeks. Mr Van der Velpen of course knows that the tempered scale we use is at least two thousand years younger than those Plato writes of in "The Republic." In the second place, the Lydian tetrachord of the Greeks resembled in intervals the notes F, G, A, B natural, though we do not know what the pitch of this tetrachord was. Our author probably meant to say the Ionian tetrachord, which scale was added to the Greek musical system long after the classical period had passed away. The Ionian mode consisted of the scale from C to C, with C the tonic, and G the domi nant, which, of course, with the very slight changes, necessitated by equal temperament, is our present major scale Not only is the Lydian mode unlike our scale, but the Hypo-Lydian is also unlike it. For, although the latter mode consisted of the notes C to C, yet its tonic was F, and its dominant, making a mode entirely unlike any scale recognized by our modern system. The usual prohibitions common to all theory books follow the count of the origin of the scale, and the rules are well illustrated with a goodly number of examples. We have occasionally reviewed theoretical works in these columns, and almost invariably we have found it necessary to con-demn the lack of exercises in the books submitted to us. H. Van der Velpen evidently believes, and rightly, too, that the only royal road to proficiency in harmony is a long course of practical work in the shape of exercises. He will probably agree with us when we say that this work, full as it is with exercises, must be supplemented by many more exercises selected by a competent teacher according to the needs of the individual pupil. If such is not done by the teacher the pupil will soon find himself beyond his depth in complexities that increase faster than mind can understand them. It seems to us that the passing notes in ex. 31, and the modulations in ex. 33, are introduced far too early in the pupil's career. these exercises very strict. We certainly condemn the progression of the A in the soprano of the fourth measure of ex. 31, and the A which occurs on the third beat of the bass in the same measure, as these two As strike two B flats in parallel motion on the next beat. It is not pure writing especially in the strict style of an exer cise. It is an example of counterpoint which would fare badly at the hands of any of the professors at the Leipsic or Paris conservatories of music and the Royal Academy or Royal College at London. There are many other schools which would re pudiate such counterpoint, but we are careful to name those we actually know. We also note our author's fondness for the 6-4 chord, which he places freely on any beat In this respect he again takes a good deal of liberty with a chord that the strict style avoids almost altogether except for the purposes of mo in cadences. We are surprised to find the third line C clef called the tenor clef, as is done on page 66. We know that some English musicians speak of the viola part in the string quartet as the tenor part. This we can understand for the simple reason that in a quartet the alto part is played by the second violin, and the tenor part by the viola, but we must put on record that this is the first time we have ever heard the alto C clef called the tenor clef, Mr. Van der Velpen will take the trouble to refresh his memory by looking at some of the French theoretical works, such as Bazin, Savard, Reber, with some of which he must have been familiar years ago, or in any of the German or English textbooks, or in any full orchestral score, he will find the third line C clef called the alto clef viola clef, and the fourth line C clef called the tenor We shall be very grateful to any correspondent who will bring to our notice any example of the third line C clef called the tenor, as it is a novelty to us, in spite of our somewhat varied experience. And surely the conoctaves between the alto and bass in the fourth, fifth and sixth measures of the fourth line of the example on page 102 are misprints. The alto in measure five must be not an A. And the empty chord without a third in the seventh measure of this same page is also unsatisfactory. The author must have meant E in measure seven and D in measure eight instead of the bald Gs.

Mr. Van der Velpen's defense of the obsolete scale in which there used to be a difference between C sharp and D flat, D sharp and E flat, E sharp and F, F sharp and G flat, G sharp and A flat, A sharp and B flat, is pitiable at this date in the world's history. This theory and scale have been disavowed by all the great and lesser composers for two hundred years. Does not Mr. Van der know that if a piano tuner tuned the scales of C. G and F, with D, and B flat, perfectly in tune by siren measurement that the piano would sound horribly out of tune if any chords in other scales were played on it? And how ald these chords sound in tune if they were transferred to the orchestra where the violinists made differences between these homophones? We have not the space at our disposal to go into this ancient history here. We should like to hear Mr. Van der Velpen make a practical use of any scale with more than thirteen equal half-tones in the octave and perform any ultra-modern, modern, or classical

ork in such a scale. He could not play in it even Bach's Well Tempered Clavichord," published in 1724. himself had to fight adherents of the old tunings. Silbermann, the organ builder, would not listen to the great composer, whose brain had a clear conception of the relationship of all keys. He thought that by tuning his organ according to the intervals nature gives in overtones he would produce more mellow tones and richer chords. But of course he could have only a few keys in tune by that method. Bach had his revenge on the builder. only in the keys that were distressingly out of tune and drove Silbermann from the building. Now, J. B. H. van der Velpen in saying that there is a difference between F sharp and G flat, and so on, is championing Silbermann. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, Wagner, are unplayable on any scale that makes a difference between homoph If our author objects to the word homophone for those notes which sound alike but which are written differently, we must tell him that it is the term specially recommended for the purpose by Gevaert, the present director of the Brussels Conservatory. A few years ago some persons got the leading composers of France, such as Thomas, Gounod, Massenet, Saint-Saèns, to declare that no such difference existed, or could exist in our system of harmony. The absurdity of it all is when violinists talk of playing that difference which amounts to a small comma. It is only by "counting the beats" that a skilled piano tuner can make these differences, and even he is liable to The greatest pianist and composer could not tune a piano without training to enable him to detect the wave between two notes he is tuning to the tempered scale. And yet there are those who actually believe an ordinary orchestral fiddler can play these differences on an instru ment whose notes are stopped by the yielding and soft human finger. Singers and violinists are to make at least a quarter of a tone's difference. They could not possibly, except by the merest chance, make that comma's difference. A man might as well try to count the saw teeth on a razor's edge without using

OLIVER DITSON COMPANY, BOSTON. "A Day in Reseland," a cantata, or operetta for girls' voices, composed by Herbert W. Wareing.

Let us first inquire if there is not a misprint in the name of the librettist, which is given as Florence G. Attenboroush? We know the name Attenborough, but n Attenboroush. We simply ask the question without implying that the proofreader was careless, though we know that misprints are to be found in every publisher's work The music is in that gentlemanly manner so popular with those English composers who follow after Sterndale Bennett, who in turn was a pale copy of Mendelssohn. It is not only entirely free from vulgarity, but from virility as The words, it is true, do not call for any other treatment than that given them by the composer, so that a work of art there is not fault to be found with it. We can see from Herbert Wareing's part-writing and harmonic fluency that he is an excellent musician, without referring to that degree of Mus, Doc. from Cambridge University which ornaments his name. The degree shows that the possessor of it is a man of general culture, and the music of 'A Day in Roseland" proves the composer is a good musician. We can therefore heartily recommend this cantata to ladies' choirs and schools. It is also suitable for amateur theatrical entertainments, as the sub-title operetta shows.

Choral Fantasia from "Lohengrin," for mixed voices, words by Florence Hoare, music arranged by Percy E. Fletcher.

This work has been before the British public for three years, and we presume that the Oliver Ditson Company believes there will be a demand for it here or they would have secured the American rights of it. Fletcher has selected a few of the most suitable move ments in Wagner's "Lohengrin" and arranged them as a choral work for which Florence Hoare has written words more or less connected with the drama. The work is suitable for the smaller cities and towns where grand operas never travel. It will also serve for the enlightenment of those puritanical beings who would like to hear the music of Wagner, but who could by no means be inveigled into a theater. Percy E. Fletcher's work in this choral fantasia did not necessitate any great musical skill on his part, but it shows him to be a more practical man than Richard Wagner ever was. As Wagner has composed the music of this choral fantasia, however, it is quite unnecessary for us to make any comment on its merit,

News of Frederic Mariner.

Frederic Mariner will resume his piano teaching at the Mariner Studios, 250 West Eighty-seventh street, Monday, October 10. Several days before the formal opening, Mr. Mariner will be in town personally to receive new pupils and arrange hours with his regular pupils. The Mariner Studios are conveniently reached from the Eighty-sixth street subway and from the Broadway surface cars. The studios are at the corner of Broadway.



Franklin W. Hooper, director of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, has returned to the city from his vacation spent at the Hooper summer home at Walpole, N. H. The new prospectus of the Institute will soon be issued. The concert season in Brooklyn opens in November, with Schumann-Heink and Bonci among the first at-

Theodore van York, the tenor and vocal teacher, has reopened his studio for the season at 434 Fifth avenue . .

S. Grosskopf, violinist and teacher, and Elise Grosskopf, soprano and vocal teacher, have begun their work for the autumn and winter at their studio, 1204 Carnegie Hall,

. . Samuel Bowden Moyle announces that he will reopen his studio for voice training, 43 East Twenty-first street, Monday, September 12. Mr. Moyle will personally receive all applicants, and former pupils are requested to secure their hours for lessons, N N N

William Ebann, the cellist, is back in New York after a it was necessary to have an extra session each day, the vacation trip through the New England States. Mr. Ebann will teach at his studio, 13 West Forty-second street, in addition to filling concert engagements. He is

the cellist of the Bruchhausen Trio and besides his work with this trio, he will, as heretofore, appear as soloist at many concerts.

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Emma Thursby and her sister are still abroad. For two weeks they visited Bonci, the celebrated tenor, and Signora Bonci at the Bonci villa in Port Recanati on the Adriatic, Later they were the guests of Madame Gerster at Pont-ecchio, near Bologna. Miss Thursby is finding that her pupils who have been abroad for the past year or two are doing finely. Meta Reddish, one of the Thursby pupils, is with Carlo Sebastian in Naples. Reba Cornett-Emory and Florence Benedict, two more Thursby pupils, are with Cottoni in Milan, on the advice of Bonci. Marta Wittkowska, the contralto, has been singing in Paris and London The Thursby studios in New York will reopen about the middle of October, when Miss Thursby is expected back.

The Dunning System at Chautauqua.

Among the musical affairs at Chautauqua on Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., this season, the normal training class for teachers in the Dunning System of Improved Music Study for Beginners created great interest. The class, in which a limited number are taken, overflowed before starting, so



NORMAL CLASS OF DUNNING SYSTEM AT CHAUTAUOUA.

teachers representing sixteen different States and Car This unique work has forged steadily ahead, commanding respect and support of the best musical element of the world, its representatives reaching as far as the Philippines, until it stands on a plane alone in children's work by its phenomenal successes.

A congress of the Dunning teachers from the entire United States, Canada and Europe will be held next summer at Chautauqua Lake. Mrs. Dunning left at the close of the class for Portland, Ore., for a short time, to join her sons, who are locating there. She will return and conduct classes in New York, Cincinnati and Berlin during the coming winter.

George Sweet Will Return to New York.

After a successful summer season in Toronto, Canada, George Sweet will be back in New York for the reopening of his studios in the Metropolitan Opera House Building, September 17. He has added a number of rooms to his suite and the master announces that he will give a series of musicales during the autumn and winter, assisted by Mrs. Sweet, who was for several years a favorite pupil of Leschetizky in Vienna. Mr. Sweet's noble baritone voice is still in prime condition, and the fact that he himself will participate in the musicales as well as some of his advanced pupils (and Mrs. Sweet as the pianist) is pleasant news for the wide and growing circle of these artists.

Mr. Sweet has received a letter from his old pupil, Georg Fergusson, now one of the leading teachers of singing in Berlin, in which Fergusson informs his master of a successful concert tour through Germany and a course of recitals in London. Another eminently successful Sweet pupil, King Clark, formerly of Paris, is now among the talented Americans in Berlin,

Some of the pupils who have studied with Mr. Sweet in Toronto this summer are coming to New York with him to continue their lessons.

Evanston to Hear Alice Merritt-Cochran.

Alice Merritt-Cochran, the soprano who is under Marc Lagen's management, is being booked for concerts in the Her December dates include a song recital in Evanston, Ill.

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For the past ten years Emma Koch has been a member of the faculty of the Stern Conservatory, of Berlin, and her pupils have always excelled in the public concerts given by the institution in the Beethoven Hall and Philharmo each season, toward the close of the school year. Frl. Koch does only a limited amount of teaching at the school, however, as she gives special attention to her private class of piano pupils. She devotes a certain number of hours each day to teaching at her home, Neue Winterfeld St. 15. where she also gives matinees and soirees at which her most advanced pupils play before audiences of invited guests.

Emma Koch has a special genius for teaching and she knows how to get out of the pupils the best there is in them. The gifted ones have always made extraord nary progress under her tuition and those who are less talented have by diligent application been abled, under her gen al direction, to acquire a fluent, reliable technic and a beautiful touch. Her method of teaching is noteworthy for its results in the way of tone production; indeed, so remarkable a feature of her teaching is this that Emma Koch's pupils could at once be distinguished among other students the quality and volume of their tone production. Frl, Koch is, moreover, a thorough musician and she lays quite as much stress on good taste and correct phrasing, proper nuances-in short, every phase of musical interpretation, so that a piano pupil who has graduated in her course of instruction is a thorough artist in every respect

Although Emma Koch makes a specialty of pedagogic work, being predestined both by inclination and natural gifts for this, she is by no means exclusively a teacher. She has always done and still does a certain amount of concert work each season and she has been acclaimed in all the important towns of Germany as one of the finest of living women pianists,

It was Frl. Koch who introduced the new Scharwenka concerto in F minor to Leipsic, scoring both for it and herself a notable success. Her own playing is noteworthy for those same attributes that are so noticeable in the playing of her pupils. Appended are excerpts from some recent criticisms, which appeared after her concert in Leipsic, February 18, 1910:

Emma Koch made an imposing impression with her performances of a Beethoven concerto and the new concerto, op. 83, by Scharwenka. The lady is artistically thoroughly equipped. She evidently has a very poetic nature and, no doubt, her preference for teaching is the reason she is not more famous as a pianist.—Leipsic Abend-

really brilliantly played by a Berlin virtuosa and pedagogue, Emma

Koch. Her technic is clear and polished, her conception is personal and independent, her delivery is poetical, tasteful and directed by



EMMA KOCH.

high intelligence. She is a master, especially in soft and feminine.—Leipsic Neueste Nachrichten. ially in the genre of the

In Emma Koch we made the acquaintance of an admirable pian. The artist displayed in her performances an extraordinarily cle transparent technic, refined musical feeling and sweeping enthusian. She gave brilliant performances of Beethoven's G major concessions.

solo pieces by Strauss, Liszt and Chopin and she ensured for

Emma Koch introduced to Leipsic yesterday Scharwenka's F minor piano concerto, op. 8a, under the direction of the composer and scored for it a great success, acquitting herself of her grateful but difficult task in the most satisfactory manner. She interpreted it with heart and soul, and both she and Scharwenka were tendered ovations by the large audience. The Beethoven G major concerto, too, was played by her with a beautiful, sympathetic tone, with pearly technic and she also proved to be fully equal to it in point of intelligence.—Leipsic Tageblatt.

Louise Ormsby's Father Dead.

Louise Ormsby, the American soprano, who has been in England for the entire London season, was informed by cablegram of the sudden serious illness of her father, and as she was fortunate enough to catch a fast steamer she was enabled to make the long trip from London to Central City, Neb., her home, in less than ten days. The father passed away August 24.

Owing to the many engagements for which Miss Orms-by was booked for the autumn season abroad, she will be obliged to return to England late in September and remain until January or February, if not longer. Miss Ormsby has been most favorably received in England, where she was very popular before she came to America, and it is quite possible that she may stay abroad for the entire season.

Sébald Tour.

Alexander Sébald, the inimitable interpreter of Paganini's compositions, is to make several short tours in American this season, the method of booking being pecu-liar to, and original with his manager, Marc Lagen. There will be no continuous trip comprising many weeks, but five or six of shorter duration. Mr. Sebald and his manager agree that an artist should have an opportunity to rest up after a strenuous period of concertizing.

Mrs. Frederick Heiser, of the Heiser Music School in Sioux City, Ia., presented her talented pupil, Eilene French, in recital, Monday evening, August 29. Miss French played the Schumann andante and variations for two pianos (Annie Galinsky playing second piano) and works by Bach, Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Sinding, Grieg, MacDowell, Frank Lynes and Liza Lehmann. Sinding. Other concerted numbers were the first and second move ments of the Mendelssohn concerto in G minor, with Miss Galinsky playing the orchestral part on a second piano. Miss French, who is only sixteen years old, has atudied with Mrs. Heiser for five years. The day after the recital the young lady left Sioux City for Seattle, where she will make her future ho

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W. H. Sherwood returned to Chicago from his sum home at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., this morning. Sherwood reports the best of twenty-two summers in his work at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N. Y., in which he was ably assisted by Georgia Kober, the principal assistant in the Sherwood Music School, Chicago, and Mrs. E. T. Tobey, of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Sherwood will make a short trip of a few days in the Canadian Northwest, beginning September

Canada, from where he goes to Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmondton, McLeod and High River. The work in the piano department at the Sherwood Music School is arranged in such a manner that students pursue the same principles of piano practice and reading of music whatever teacher they study with, and those who have not as yet formed sufficiently accurate habits of execution and of musical interpretation, are ably instructed by Mr. Sherrood's assistant teachers who were his graduates and who have had years of thorough preparation for this kind of work. The (Vorbereiter) system, so well known through a few of the great teachers of Europe, is a saving to the pupils and helps Mr. Sherwood give his attention more to advanced students and to their reportory.

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Alta Miller, the popular soprano, has been very busy durmonths, appearing at many function Evanston and North Shore. Miss Miller reports that her class for the coming season will be very large. . . .

Irene Adler, coloratura soprano, will coach operatic roles with Alta Miller, the well known vocal instructor. This will make the third year of study for Miss Adler under the same mentor.

Grace Nelson, the distinguished soprano, who won much success as an operatic star in Detroit last month, will return to Chicago shortly to resume her teaching in her studio, in the Fine Arts Building.

Myrtle R. Lee, the well known coloratura mezzo-soprano, will return to Chicago, Wednesday, September 7, from an extensive and successful concert tour through Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota

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Bernhard Ulrich, business manager of the Chicago Opera Company, will return to Chicago next Monday, Septem-

Albert Borroff, the basso, has been engaged as soloist the Apollo Club. Mr. Borroff will be heard in "The by the Apollo Club. Messiah," which will be given December 23 and 30.

The Mendelssohn Club, of which Harrison M. Wild is the conductor, will give three concerts this season in Or-chestra Hall. The first will take place on December 15,

the second February 16 and the last on April 27. . . .

Littell McClung will have charge of the press department if the Chicago Opera Company. Mr. McClung arrived in of the Chicago Opera Company. Mr. McClung arrived in Chicago last Thursday and looked over his new territory. The courteous press representative visited the office of THE MUSICAL COURIER last Monday and said that the season promises to be a great success.

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Marx Oberdorfer, the well known pianist, returned last week from Europe. He called at this office and gave a delightful report of his trip over the Continent.

Charles W. Clark, the well known baritone and vocal instructor, of Paris, has opened his studio here and will teach from September 1 to 5 and 12 to 16. Mr. Clark will return to Europe the latter part of the month, and again in the spring will pay a visit to this country, having been booked with many organizations to appear in concerts and recitals in April, May and June, 1911. On this present trip the eminent baritone will appear in a song recital at Van Wert, Ohio, where he will have the able assistance of Eleanor Fisher, the well known accompanist.

. . . The Music Art Shop announces song recitals featuring compositions by Lulu Jones Downing in programs presented by vocal artists, with Mrs. Downing at the piano. The programs will include compositions from the classic and modern schools.

Etta Edwards, the well known vocal instructor, introduced two of her professional pupils in a private recital here last week. Julia Croston, a church singer of Memphis, Tenn., proved to be the possessor of a large, agreeable dramatic soprano voice, and Nellie Dining, another so prano and teacher, of Boston, held her audience under the charm of her voice. Madame Edwards looks forward to a very busy season and will remain in Chicago all through the year.

The rehearsals for the opera season will begin at the Auditorium October 3 under the special supervision of Sig. Campanini, who is scheduled to arrive in Chicago on Sep tember 27. Mr. Dippel, the administrative manager, is expected to arrive the end of the month. . . .

Leonora Sparks, who won much success here in connection with her work with the Metropolitan Opera Company, will be one of the soloists with the Apollo Club for the third concert, to be given January 12.

Evan Williams, the Welsh tenor, who made "Akron famous" and who won much success here at the North Shore festival, last June, has been chosen by the Apollo to sing the tenor solos in "The Messiah."

Caroline Mihr-Hardy, the eminent dramatic soprano, will create the soprano role in Felix Woyrsch's "The Dance of Death," which will be given by the Apollo Club under Harrison Wild's baton

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Herman Devries and Mr. and Mrs, Hubert Schmit, their daughter and son-in-law, sail from Havre for New York, Saturday, September 3, on the S. S. La

John B. Miller has returned from a concert tour which stended through the Western States to the cluding the larger cities in its itinerary. Mr. Miller will again serve on the faculty of the Chicago Musical Col-Maurice Rosenfeld has returned from a visit to De troit and Alexander Sébald will arrive from Europe next

Registration for the various departments of the Chicago Musical College has been heavier during the past week than ever before in the long history of this institution. The spacious reception hall of the new college building has been literally packed with prospective students and their friends and every official of the school has been worked to the verge of nervous collapse by the unusual demands of incoming students. Six extra instructors have been added to the already large teaching staff. More than two hundred applications for the four scholarships in the Chicago Musical College School of Opera were received prior to the final examination in Ziegfeld Hall last Saturday morning. Two of these scholarships were given through the generosity of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company of New York and the remainder were awarded by the school. In all, one hundred and forty-seven free and partial scholarships will be awarded before the opening of the new school year on September 12. second month of the new term the Chicago Musical College will again resume its annual series of lectures by Felix Borowski and Harold B. Maryott. These lectures are free to students and others interested in the work may obtain admission tickets upon application at the college The interest manifested by pupils of the common a

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lic schools, to say nothing of local musicians, during the past few seasons has led the college to make this provision for those not attending regular classes.

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Jennie B. Monroe, a pupil of William A. Willett, of the Bush Temple Conservatory, has been engaged to take charge of the vocal department of Tabor College, Tabor.

Grace Stewart Potter, who was for many years a pupil of Kenneth M. Bradley and Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler at the Bush Temple Conservatory, has returned after years' study in Europe with Busoni, Leschetizky and Mos-kowski. Miss Potter is one of the most talented of the younger pianists and great things are expected of her. She has already quite a number of engagements for the com-ing season. In addition to her concert work, she will do a limited amount of teaching at the Bush Temple Conservatory. RENE DEVRIES.

Isabella Beaton Working Hard.

Isabella Beaton, the composer-pianist, is working hard, adding to her many compositions. This gifted and industrious artist has three hundred odd compositions to her credit.

Hinkle Engaged for Worcester Festival.

Florence Hinkle, the popular soprano, has been engaged for the Worcester Music Festival to be given the last week in this month.

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Caroline Hudson, the soprano, is due in New York this week and she is to have a number of concerts during th:



CAROLINE HUDSON.

Miss Hudson is the solo soprano at hisearly autumn. toric Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, where the large con-

gregations are uplifted by her beautiful voice. Last season Miss Hudson filled sixty-one concert engagements, sing-ing in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Albany, Troy, New Haven, Providence, Wooster (Ohio), Port Huron (Mich.), Westfield (N. J.), Clearfield (Pa.), Derby (Conn.), Newburgh (N. Y.), and many other towns en route. In some of these cities Miss Hudson sang several times during the season. In many places she was im-mediately re-engaged for additional concerts. In oratorio she has been exceptionally successful and many of her bookings for this season will be for oratorio productions

Miss Hudson is to begin her season in Clearfield, Pa September 8. Other engagements in the near future will take her as far West as Kansas, where she is to sing in Salina, and then in Kirksville, Mo., Cleveland and Tre-mont, Ohio, Port Huron, Mich., and then back East again concerts in New York and Brooklyn.

Miss Hudson will be the soprano soloist at the Christ-mastide performance of "The Messiah" with the Handel and Haydn Society in Boston. Two more Western dates which she will fill during the season will be at Delaware, Defiance, Ohio, and Grand Forks, N. D.

"The Business Man in the Amusement World."

Robert Grau's volume of progress and achievement in the field of the theater entitled "The Business Man in the Amusement World," will be ready about September 15. It will consist of 300 pages, profusely illustrated, bound de luxe and for sale at five dollars. The author is also the author of "Forty Years' Observation of Music and the Drama."

Estelle Burns-Roure Engaged at Grange.

Estelle Burns-Roure, the dramatic soprano, has been enaged for a song recital in Orange, N. J., October 3. Madame Roure has concertized throughout America, and since she has made her home in the East has become well liked by the musical public because of her artistic work



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Julian Edwards.

The death of Julian Edwards, who passed away at his beautiful home at Ludlow, Yonkers, N. Y., at one o'clock last Monday morning, removes from our midst one of the few really excellent composers. Mr. Edwards, who came to this country from England the latter part of the 80's, soon became known as a composer of very high grade light opera, and ever since establishing himself in America he maintained this high standard in his specialty. unfortunate that Mr. Edwards could not have lived longer, for he was only in his fifty-fifth year and never re-laxed in his ambitions, and only last winter his cantata, "Lazarus," was heard at a Metropolitan Opera House Sunday night concert, which he conducted himself. The cantata met with immediate success, and proved beyond doubt that Mr. Edwards was not alone a prolific light opera composer, but was thoroughly grounded in classic forms and capable of producing works in the oratorio His operas have been sung throughout the United States for years, and all of them have been successful. At his home he has been at work on grand opera and was in hopes of soon producing a great music drama,

Personally, Mr. Edwards was one of nature's noblemen, a man of learning and an ardent student. There was no braggadoccio about him, he was never seen in barrooms, never mingled with people of inferior quality, was thoroughly chivalrous and modest to a fault. Mr. Edwards often attended the symphony concerts, never missing an opportunity for hearing the first performance of a great He was an intense admirer of Richard orchestral work. Strauss, and a thoroughly progressive man in music as well as in the other arts. His premature death is a shock to his many friends and admirers. His widow, who survives him, is a woman of lovable character, who was un-

failing in her devotion to her gifted husband and his artistic ambitions. Among Edwards' popular light operas are "Dolly Varden," "The Goddess of Truth," "The Princess "The Jolly Musketeer," "The Wedding Day," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and many others. Besides his cantata "Lazarus," his sacred works include "The Redeemer," "Mary Magdalen," "Lord of Light and Love" and numerous beautiful songs which choir



IULIAN EDWARDS

singers have added to their repertories. Early in his career, or as far back as 1888, when Mr. Edwards was con ducting in England, he brought out his opera "Victorian," which was voted one of the genuine successes by English musicians and critics.

Julian Edwards was born in Manchester, England, in the year 1855. His teachers were Sir Herbert Oakley and Sir George Macfarren. The funeral was held from the home of Mrs. Edwards on Wednesday morning, and the interment took place at Woodlawn,

Nettie Delphine Ellsworth.

Nettie Delphine Ellsworth, a teacher of music and composer, of Ottawa, Illinois, died August 12, aged 43. She s survived by her parents, five sisters and two brothers. Miss Ellsworth was a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music of her town. The list of her compositions have been catalogued, and among them are a course of graded studies for piano. Her latest song, "The Brook by the Way," was recently published. A service in memory of the late Miss Ellsworth was held in Ottawa Baptist Church a few days after her death, due to tuberculosis which followed a nervous breakdown,

Song Recitals by Francis Rogers.

Francis Rogers, the baritone, gave a song recital at Onteora Park, in the Catskills, September 1, with Bruno Huhn at the piano, Mr. Rogers' program included a Handel aria and songs in German, French and English, by Monroe, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Strauss, Weingartner, Widor, Clayton Johns, Reichardt, Huhn, Luckstone, Russell, and four North American Indian songs arranged by Charles W. Cadman. September 3, Mr. Rogers repeated the same delightful program at "Upway Field," in Pitts-

Viola Waterhouse Returns from Vacation.

Viola Waterhouse has returned to New York after a delightful vacation passed in Massachusetts. This soprano has a large repertory and she will be numbered with the successful singers during the season of 1910-1911. Miss Waterhouse is under the management of Marc Lagen, a young impresario who is working hard for the artists in

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MUSICAL NEWS FROM OMAHA.

OMARA, Neb., August 30, 1910. It is not frequent that the loss or addition of one patroness of art creates a stir in the musical atmosphere of a town, but in the removal to Chicago of Mrs. E. A. Cudahy Omaha will suffer a distinct loss. Mrs. Cudahy long has been a willing patroness of every worthy musical movement; she has given able service as president of the Tues-day Morning Club and as president of Omaha's most successful May Festival (1910). She is a musician of con siderable attainment and amply qualified to reap the fullness of a broader field.

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Corinne E. Paulson has announced that she will continue her studies in Berlin throughout the coming season and will not return to her large and well established piano class. Aside from pedagogical ability Miss Paulson has distinguished herself as soloist and accompanist, and her work is at all times marked by thorough comprehension. Her return will be welcome.

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Vernon C. Bennett, who has just returned from an outing in Colorado and Wyoming, has reopened his studio and again will preside at the organs in Temple Israel and First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Kelly will return September 15 from several months of European study and recreation.

At the recent banquet of the Sängerfest Association it was agreed to unite the several local German singing societies, forming one permanent chorus with the purpose of giving three public performances each year. Their most immediate plan is the presentation of a German opera with orchestra and chorus of local fame and soloists of international reputation,

. . .

Five "extra" concerts have been announced relative to the B.-H.-W. Series. They are: Madame Schumann-Heink, November 22; Madame Sembrich, January 3; Madame Gadski, February 7; Mischa Elman, March 21, and Alice Nielsen, May o EVELVN HOPPER

The "Extra" First.

"F. A. Winter, a well known music dealer of Altoona Pa., has a hen in his possession that is a decided freak of nature, its performance of laying two eggs a day for an extended period of time being the first case of its kind known to chicken fanciers of this State."—Philadelphia Inquirer. Not a freak of nature at all. Had the Phila-

would know that a Western farmer some six months ago discovered that by playing his player-piano four hours a day his hens would show their appreciation of the music rendered by laying just twice as often.-Musical Courier

Fay Cord to Make First American Tour.

Fay Cord, the young American soprano, who has re cently returned to this country after seven years' study with prominent teachers in Europe, will make her first



delphia Inquirer read the Musical Courier Extra it (Mass.) Music Festival, which will be held the last week of this month. It is stated that she is the you soprano ever booked to sing at this festival, which will be the fifty-third in the history of the Worcester County Musical Association

Miss Cord was born in Iowa, and it was in her native State at a remarkably early age that she attracted notice because of her voice and musical abilities. The late Dean Howard became interested in her when she was a mere girl and it was he who persuaded her parents to send her to Europe. Miss Cord first went to Paris, where she studied under Madame Edouard Colonne, and later she traveled to Berlin, where she was coached by some of the best teachers of the Prussian capital. After completing her studies in the Fatherland, Miss Cord went back to Paris, where she continued her work with Jean de Reszke. From this second sojourn in Paris, Miss Cord went to London, where she was coached in Italian songs and arias with Paolo Tosti, the composer. Miss Cord made her debut in London in 1909 in joint recital with Ben Davies, the English tenor, at the residence of Sir Alfred and Lady The young American singer was enthusiastically received by the British aristocracy and later the general public learned to know something of her vocal charms. After her London triumphs, Miss Cord sang in Paris under Colonne and Massenet, and in Germany under Nikisch and other conductors.

Besides her approaching appearances at the Worcester festival, Mr. Lagen is booking Miss Cord for other con-certs. She expects to sing in New York several times during the winter.

Saenger Resumes Teaching October 1.

Oscar Saenger, who has been in Maine all summer, will reopen his New York studios, 51 East 64th street, Saturday, October 1, when he will resume his teaching for the season. All applications for lessons in the meanwhile should be made to the secretary, Miss Lilli, at the above address

"Where's your automobile?" "Traded it off," replied M. Chuggins. "What for?" "One of these street pianos.
When I stand in front of it and turn the crank for fifteen
or twenty minutes, I'll at least have the satisfaction of hearing a time."--Judge

FAY CORD.

American tour this season under the management of Marc Lagen. Miss Cord has been engaged for the Worcester

"My diamond tiara has been stolen!" exclaimed the star. "How much was it worth?" asked the press agent. "That's up to you," replied the star. "It ought to be worth at least a column."—Philadelphia Press.

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Tributes of esteem continue to pour in from the highest artistic sources anent Cadman's latest masterpiece lyric writing, the Japanese song cycle "Sayonara." most recent date is a letter of greeting received by the writer from Alice Nielsen now sojourning in Italy, who expresses herself in the most enthusiastic terms of appreciation regarding the lovely musical contents of this unusual composition.

The attractively gotten up circular of Katherine Lin-coln which has just reached this office contains enough enthusiastic press comment to make it doubtful whether the

few dates still left open will begin to satisfy the great demand for her artistic services during the coming season. . . .

Echoes from recent musical events give Miss Grant's reading of "Elektra" on three different occasions deservedly high praise. The first of these took place August 15 at the residence of Mrs. Julien d'Este at York Harbor, Maine, and was given in the form of an open air musi-The second occurred August 21 at the Casino, Narragansett Pier, and the closing one also an open air event enlisted the assistance of Countess Thamara De Swirsky and was given August 29 at the North Shore Grill, Magnolia, Mass., in aid of the Sharon Sanitarium. . .

In recognition of her long term of service as organist at Tremont Temple Emilie Grant Wilkinson was presented with a diamond and gold brooch by members of the This occasion marked the close of her connection with the church in that official capacity, as her recently tendered resignation took effect August 30.

. . . Felix Weingartner expresses himself more forcibly than elegantly in an article recently written for an Austrian journal regarding the modern tendencies in music. According to him this art is in a state of utter decadence and those of us who wish to drink at the fountain head of real inspiration must turn to the naively beautiful fancies of Mozart for musical purification, as it were. All true! But does Mr. Weingartner forget that every age creates its own needs and therefore its own art formula? Wise people in all walks of life declare this a transition period in human events. If so, then our modern art form is only an indication of the trend of affairs and as the pendulum usually swings equidistant in either direction it is not at all unlikely that Mozart redivivus in the form of a musical apostle of these times may even make an appearance ere very long. 取 號 號

C. LeRoy Lyon, one of the thoroughly prepared artist teachers of the Hubbard Studios, will begin his teaching

season September 6. His schedule for the coming season as announced in the attractively gotten up circular will keep him in the Boston Studio, 159 A Tremont street, from Tuesday to Friday of every week. Saturday he teaches at Ayer and Monday at Clinton, making a full week indeed for so young a teacher. . . .

Helen A. Rowley, the capable principal of the Mt. Ida School for Girls, has just returned from a lovely summer spent in Europe. While abroad Miss Rowley purchased a mber of interesting pictures to use as illustrations in the different studies.

The rhythmic cadence of the aeroplane and the twittering of the "bird men" (new term for aviators), hereabouts, now fills the air.

GERTRUDE F. COWEN,

A Book on Vocalism.

"Voice and Vocalism" is the name of a new book that came under the notice of the writer when in Lincoln, Neb.



recently. The author is Charles F. H. Mills, Mus. B., of the University of Nebraska School of Music. A very thorough examination of the work leads one to the conclusion that it is not for amateurs or pupils, or even to be used as a class text-book, but for the use of thorough teachers and for students of singing who want the utmost possible light on every phase of the art of tone production.

The book consists of 120 pages of text and voluminous illustration, the first seventy pages being devoted entirely to the anatomical side of voice production. It goes into minute detail, with illustration, of every muscle, chord, ligament, nerve, bone or tendon used in singing. The reason for this, Mr. Mills explains, is not that anyone can learn to sing by a study of anatomy, but that a thorough knowledge of the anatomy of the vocal mechanism is indispensable to teachers of singing who want to make the greatest possible advancement in their art. The heads of the first eight chapters of the book will give one an idea of its comprehensive scope: "The Vocal Constitution,"
"The Vocal Frame," "The Muscles of Respiration," "The
Muscles of Tone Production," "The Muscles of Tone
Qualification and Placement," "The Muscles of Pronunciation and Facial Expression," "The Nerves," "Resonance Resonators.

The second part of the book deals exclusively with tone production, and the heads of the chapters will be an index "The Breathing Process" (twento its general tendency: ty-four subdivisions in this chapter), "The Registers of the Voice," "Tone," "Enunciation," "Inspiration" (thirteen paragraphs on mental inspiration and five paragraphs on physical inspiration), "Emotional Intensity and Bodily Effort." From all of which one can readily see, as Mr. Mills says in his preface, that "the book is written for the purpose of presenting the matter pertaining to vocal anatomy only . . . and no attempt is made to deal with the emotional side of singing." It is certainly a valuable book on this phase of the art and it is written by an authority of high professional standing, which makes it of all the more value both to teacher and singer.

OSCAR HATCH HAWLEY.

Song Profits Build a Block.

In 1865 William T. Rogers composed a song entitled 'Cantilena." He sold it for \$50. Silas Brainard, of Cleveland, published it, and from the profits built, it is said, a mammoth business block on Euclid avenue. The sales are said to have reached the hundreds of thousands and that 80,000 copies were sold during the first six months after publication. The composer resides in a little room and ekes out a living by making violins, Verily the way of the unsophisticated composer with a jewel is hard.—American

George Carré Refused Opera Offers.

George Carré, the New York tenor, has refused offers to sing in opera this season in order to continue his concert work. He will have more engagements both in the West and South. Mr. Carré has several bookings closed for oratorio productions before the holidays.



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Gracia Ricardo's Recital in the Catskills.

In all her years of absence from her native land, it is certain that Gracia Ricardo (Grace Richards) never found a more beautiful retreat than the little mountain chalet in the Catskills, where Madame Ricardo spent the summer arranging her programs for the coming season. It was in her charming studio, Monday afternoon, August 29, that Madame Ricardo's friends in Onteora Park, assembled to hear a wonderful program. Gerta Sau Mell, the assisting pianist of the afternoon, played some solos as well as the accompaniments for Madame Ricardo. The program follows:

Recitative and aria, Vers	nous reviens VainquerVerdi
Pastorale	Bizet
	Madame Ricardo,
Klavier Stück	Sinding
	Gerta Sau Mell.
	Schubert
	Schumann
	Tschaikowsky
Ich trage meine Minne	
Von ewiger Liebe	Brahms
	Madame Ricardo.
	Gerta Sau Mell.
	His Lass
Rubaiyat (MS.)	Zudie Harris Reinecke
The Swing (MS.)	Zudie Harris Reinecke
	Madame Ricardo,

Very interesting were the manuscript songs by Zudie Harris Reinecke, especially the "Rubaiyat." At the conclusion of the program Madame Ricardo's friends re-demanded the Tschaikowsky number. Several of the guests regretted that the gifted singer gave only one Brahms song, for in Madame Ricardo the musical world has an exceptional interpreter of Brahms' lieder. Yet, the versatility of Madame Ricardo's art made this seem true of the aria, the other lieder and the dainty little "Swing Song" with which she closed her program. Among Madame Ricardo's guests were: Mark Knight-Wood, Perry Aver-Jennie Dutton Greene, Ellen Churchill Semple, Ruth McEnery Stuart, Henry McDowell, Mrs. Henry McDowell, Misg Flint, Miss Wakeman, Mrs. William Hedges, William Hedges, Mrs. William Bosworth, William Bosworth, and Mrs. Herman Lewis.

An Interesting Report.

From the United States Consular Reports,

As a large share of the \$1,350,000 imports of musical instruments into the United States last year came from Austria, the following notes on their manufacture may be of interest

Musical instruments to the value of \$152,020 were shipped last year from the town of Graslitz, in the Carlsbad consular district, to the United States. In 1908 the shipments amounted to \$112,300 and in 1007 to \$178,010. A large proportion of the inhabitants of the village, numbering about 15,000, is engaged in the manufacture of brass horns, trumpets, bugles, cymbals, etc. There are 11 concerns which employ 20 to 210 men in the factory and for which hundreds of men, women and children work at In addition, there are 130 master makers of musical instruments, who employ 756 workmen. The total number engaged in the industry is about 4,000. The hours of labor in the factory are from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., with half hour midmorning and midafternoon resting spells and an hour at noon for dinner. The wages range from 12 to 30 crowns (\$2.43 to \$6.09) a week, depending on the skill of the workman

Brass and brass tubing for the horns are imported most-from England and Germany. They are worked into ly from England and Germany.

form by hand, the tubes being filled with lead and hammered into shape. Some automatic machines are employed in the manufacture of mouthpieces, but the finer grades are all cut by hand tools held stationary while the material is revolved rapidly by machinery. The engraving and marking are hand work

In addition to exports to the United States, large qua tities of the Graslitz musical instruments are exported to England, Germany, France, Italy and Canada. A part of the output of the factories finds its way to Markneu-kirchen, a nearby town in Saxony, whence it is shipped to foreign countries by manufacturers and wholesale dealer

The business of musical instrument making has been developed at Graslitz for the last hundred years. Children of the factory employees are trained for the work from their youth and many attend the school where practical and theoretical instruction in regard to it is given by experienced instructors. This institution was established in the village in 1865 and came under Government control The training includes the following courses: (1) Elements of the theory of music; (2) easily comprehended statements of the actual laws which govern the construc-

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tion of the tones in stringed and brass instruments: (3) elementary work in vocal instruction; (4) instruction on violin, cello and double bass; (5) instruction in flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon; (6) instruction on trumpet, French horn and trombone Special attention is given to the technical part of the manufacture. Pupils must be 10 years old and of good physique. The school has an attendance of about 300. Graslitz is so musical that four fine symphony orchestras can be assembled at a mome t's Each man will play an instrument of his own manufacture.

In addition to this industry, a large manufactory of musical instrument toys is located in the village. A force of 800 employees turns out a vast quantity of miniature violins, horns, trumpets, trombones, popguns and special-Nearly all the work is done by machinery, illustration, an automatic machine recently installed produces nine completed populus a minute. The United States is the largest consumer of these toys. Raw material is secured from local sources.

Bertha Yocum to Play in Concert.

Bertha Yocum, the pianist and teacher, is to play in concerts and recitals this season. Miss Yocum is unde-

Selected Piano Compositions. Edited by Rafael Joseffy (with a preface by James Huneker).

Cincinnati College of Music.

The College of Music of Cincinnati began its thirtythird academic year Tuesday, September 6, and stude from all over the country were enrolled for musical study. Few changes of any kind occurred in the faculty. Giacinto Gorno, a younger member of the illustrious family, has been added to the voice department of the college, while Celeste Seymour, the clever young violinist and teac. er, will assist in the violin department, especially for colon, work, Harry Kopp, well known in musical circles, wil. teach cello, and Lillian Kreimer, graduate '09, will teach piano in the colony department.

The school of opera, while always an important feature if the college work, because of the opportunity thus provided singers who entertain hopes of ultimately making a success in grand opera, is becoming more and more recognized as a school where opera training according to th best tradition may be acquired. Two grand operas will be studied for performances this year, the titles to be an-

A series of faculty concerts will be given with orchestral accompaniment under the direction of Albino Gorno, while the usual Saturday noon and perhaps more of the students' evening recitals may be put on. The college chorus and orchestra concerts in Music Hall, which have become so popular with music lovers as to be awaited with obvious signs of anxiety by the large audiences which attend, will present many new works on the programs offered

During the vacation months the Odeon has been beautifully decorated, and a new system of lights installed, which has greatly increased its attractivenes

With the influx of new students from distant cities to the College of Music this week, there also occurs the departure of many others whose training has fitted them for their life work, and who will continue to spread the influence of their alma mater in other conservatories and sem-maries. Inez Monfort will return to Maryville College, Tennessee; Lucy Logan Desha and Mabel Mott to Lucy Cobb Institute, Georgia; May Grenshaw to Laredo Seminary, Alabama; Beatrice Brumlove to Baylor College, Texas; Angelo Davidson to Martha Washington College Conservatory of Music, Virginia, and Grover Tilden Davis will leave next week for Connecticut, where he becomes master of music in the exclusive Hotchkiss College.

Florence Austin and Company to Tour.

Manager Marc Lagen is booking Florence Austin for an extended tour of the United States and Canada. Austin has many engagements for recital work, but these will not interfere with her concert tour, inasmuch as they are all arranged so that the dates fit in with those of the tournee. Many of the bookings for this violinist are reurn engagements, proving that she is a thoroughly established artist

Miss Austin will be accompanied on her tour by Frida Windolph, the coloratura soprano, and Bertha Yocum, pianist.

Sarto's Atlantic City Engagement.

The engagement of Andrea Sarto, the baritone, Steel Pier, in Atlantic City, has been extended until September 18. The artist is in fine voice and, as usual, his singing arouses stirring enthusiasm

The city fathers of Vienna have decided to erect a tomb in honor of the famous prima donna, Marie Wilt, who died nineteen years ago.

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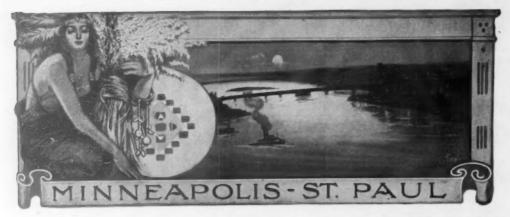
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Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bliss have returned from Chi-cago, where Mr. Bliss has been teaching piano in the Sherwood school during the absence of William H. Sherwood at Chautauqua.

Jessica De Wolf is in the "Wilderness" on the shores of Rainy Lake. Mr. De Wolff is with her, also Mr. and Mrs. Gates, of St. Paul. They are doing some gunning and are delighted that not even a sound from civilization can penetrate, although the mail arrives twice a week.

Dr. William Rhys-Herbert is in New York for a few

Ella Richards, Max Dick and Mrs. Dick gave a chamber music recital Friday evening in Lindstrom. Mr, and Mrs. Dick are coming to St. Paul this month.

N N N The fall term of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art opens September 6 and there is promise of unusual activity for the coming season. The encollment for last year was 736 and the large number of inquiries received and the many registrations already booked by directors William H. Pontius and Charles M. Holt are strong indications for a greatly increased attendance. Nearly all of the teachers have returned from their vacations. Margaret Gilmor is back from her year's study in Berlin, Mrs. Kendall, in Leipsic, Signa C. Olsen, in Berlin and Jean Koch in Dusseldorf, Germany, will all return by September 15. Members of the faculty, including Wilma Anderson-Gilman, pianist; Margaret Gilmor, pianist; Maud Meyer, soprano; Donald N. Ferguson, pianist; Jean Koch, violinist; Maude Peterson, pianist; Vera Giles, pianist, and Lulla Glimme, pianist, advanced pupil of Carlyle Scott, are announced for early recitals. The first students' reception will occur September 30.

. . . Margaret Gilmor, of the piano department of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, who has spent the past year in Berlin making a special study of the Leschetizky method with Madame Malatestra and Howard Wells, returned last week and will resume her

Lillian Wright, pupil of William T. Spangler, and a graduate of the piano department of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, has been appointed a member of the faculty of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn, . .

William H. Pontius, director department of music of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, has just returned from an extensive canoeing and fishing With tent and supplies Mr. Pontius canoed through Bimidji Lake to Wolfe, Andrusia, Cass, Winnebigosh and Leech. These lakes are connected by the Mississippi River. The course was about 150 miles

been in Berlin for the past four months coaching with Zadora in interpretation, and Howard Wells, the authorized Berlin representative of the Leschetizky method, is now touring through Germany, England, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland with Madame Leginska, with whom she is taking special work in advanced technic. Miss Olsen will return in October. DE DE DE

Hortense Pontius has been appointed a teacher in the piano department of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art. . .

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Holt have returned from a two weeks' camping trip in Yellowstone Park,

. . . Evening classes in oratory and play rehearsing at the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art will organize this week.

MARION COE HAWLEY.

MUSIC IN KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 29, 1910. The stimulating weather of the last few days has brought everyone to realize with alertness, the approaching musical season containing many hopes and prospects. Per-haps the greatest interest surrounds the progress of the symphony orchestra situation, wherein every indeed be most sincere and unprejudiced. The Kansas City Musical Club's initial efforts to establish a perma-The Kansas nent orchestra here, have been of great importance. The club's year book just received lists this very interesting item in the secretary-treasurer's report: "In reserve for promoting fund (orchestra)—\$2,000." This, with the orchestral movement started by Mrs. G. W. Fuller, president of the club, in securing pledges to the amount of \$16,-700, is a most encouraging basis for more work which

should be accomplished this season.

. . . The W-M management has much in store to attract the usicians and music lovers here the coming season. Besides the regular concert series comprising seven concerts with the following soloists: Alessandro Bonci, Antonio Scotti, Kirkby-Lunn, Flonzaley Quartet, Liza Lehmann and others to be announced later, there will be six extra concerts with such artists as Schumann-Heink, Mischa Elman, Sembrich, Gadski and Alice Nielsen, also a couple of novelties. Perhaps a symphony orchestra series of seven concerts will be added to the many events booked by the management, including such orchestras as the St. Louis, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Thomas and New York. But a great deal involves this series which can only be left with

Earl Steward, manager of the Shubert Theater, makes nnouncements for the lovers of opera. The French Grand Opera Company and another opera organization are attractions to be counted on.

. . Signa C. Olsen, of the piano department of the Minne-apolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, has Linwood Boulevard, in the future. Mr. Baltz will also

continue his work with the quartet at Westminster Con-

Mrs. Huff, contralto, will be the soloist this season with the chorus choir at the First Baptist Church. Her work is always very artistic.

Through the friendliness of Arthur Hartmann, whom Kansas City so greatly admires, the noted composer De-bussy and "our" Carl Busch have exchanged letters and

The writer greatly appreciates an autograph photo from Paris of Louise Rieger, coloratura soprano, whose career Kansas City is so closely watching.

. . . Julius Osiier, composer, announces a new suite for orchestra. An early hearing will be much appreciated, as this work has been eagerly awaited.

A message from Rudolf King, in London, announces his return here the middle of September.

Hiner's Band will play an important part in the program of entertaining Theodore Roosevelt next Thursday. Kansas City can indeed feel proud of Hiner's Band and the part in the program that it will take

JEANNETTE DIMM.

MULTITUDE GREETS MELBA IN HALIFAX.

[By Telegraph to THE MUSICAL COURIER.] HALIFAX, N. S., September

Melba opened her Canadian-American concert tour at Halifax tonight to the largest audience ever assembled in the city. The crowd began to assemble in front of the theater at noon. Every seat in the house was taken and two hundred extra chairs were placed on the stage. Every inch of available standing room was taken at \$2 and \$3. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Melba was recalled again and again. FREDERICK SHIPMAN.

A Chicago Critic on "Elektra."

The Chicago Tribune, with lamentable lack of reverence, gives the following description of a lecture on Strauss's "Elektra" by Ernest Hutcheson, the pianist:

Right here's where Elektra dug up the hatchet and hit her mother three times in the face.

Then the piano went: Zipp—zipp—pr-r-r-tttzzz—kerblurrrrrrr—

-smashsh!

bo—om—amashsh!

The audience listened for two hours to explanations of why Richard Strauss wanted a horrible discord here and a gruesome minor there. Mr. Hutcheson told all about the troubles Elektra got into before he began to play; then he illustrated on the piano how Richard Strauss said the same things in the orchestra score.

He just had to write it that way because the story of Elektra is so dreadful, you know.

so dreadful, you know.

It took eighty-seven pages of contrapuntal devices and polyphonic progressions to work Elektra up to killing her mother, but after Hutcheson played a page and a half of the stuff the audience wondered that she didn't do it sooner.

FIRES GRAFESHOT AT KEVS.

You know after Clytemnestra had Agamemnon murdered she couldn't sleep nights, and had terrible nightmares, he said. You'll notice that this passage is made up of a lot of dominant sevenths of a wrong bass. It's perfectly gruesome, I warn you of that right at the start, but I'll not spare you, because I want you to know exactly what Strauss is in this opera.

Then the pianist gathered up a handful of notes right under the book, rolled them between his hands into a solid wad, and slammed it at the lowest octave.

it at the lowest octave.

By the time the top register had been reached the piano—guar-anteed perfectly safe for a lady to drive under ordinary circum-stances—had shied around three points to starboard. But the audi-ence agreed they understood exactly what Strauss is in "Elektra."

Cecil Fanning at Bar Harbor.

The fact that Bar Harbor has not been surfeited with music this summer was demonstrated by the large and enthusiastic audience which greeted Cecil Fanning on September 3 in the Building of Arts. Mr. Fanning's singing was received with marked appreciation and after his last group of songs he was recalled five times. From Bar Harb Mr. Fanning and Mr. Turpin go to Lenox and Pittsfield to fill recital engagements.

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St. Louis, September 1, 1910.

Agnes Petring, the dramatic soprano, leaves shortly for Winona Lake, Ind., where she will attend the eighth an-nual convention and chautauqua of the International Lyceum Association, of which she has lately become member. Although Miss Petring is a resident of St. Louis she spends the greater part of her time during each concert season in New York City and vicinity and this winter her engagements again will take her to the East early in January. It was hoped by many St. Louisans who know of Miss Petring's many successes abroad and in her own country that she would have found an opportunity to give them a chance to hear her since making such a name for herself in other places. Especially those who have heard her sing of late are anxious that she should appear in her home city, as her voice has been enriched with much study and practical application to her work, which ranks her among the most noted singers of our time. Not only does she sing with a wonderful range and exquisite quality of voice under the most perfect control, but her songs speak to the soul and tell the story the composer has conceived most perfectly through Miss Fetring's finished art. The music lovers of St. Louis may well look forward to the time when either at home abroad they may have the pleasure of hearing this gifted

The Apollo Club is planning some very interesting programs for the coming season and expects to present some of the great artists at its concerts. The first one will give the public an opportunity to hear Gracia Ricardo, the American soprano, who is this season to appear in Amerca for the first time, having thus far confined her efforts to the old country, where she has met with phenomenal success. Madame Ricardo's repertory embraces a wide range of song, as she is at home in Italian and modern French opera; the classic German lieder; modern German, French and English songs and oratorio. On the same

program will be heard Boris Hambourg, the violoncellist, who is considered the rightful successor to Alfredo Piatti. He is a Russian and of musical extraction, having known nothing else since early childhood. His career has been thus far most interesting and successful and St. Louis is fortunate in having in anticipation the pleasure of hearing one of the few great violoncellists. It is reported that the other succeeding concerts will be equally interesting and attractive.

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Nathan Sacks, director of the Sacks School of Music, is enlarging the faculty and also the capacity of the school for the fall and winter sessions. Several new teachers have been added to the piano department, among whom is Okla Harris, a graduate from the Sacks School Miss Harris is from Fayette, Mo., and her academic training was received at the Kirksville Normal and Howard Payne College. She is an excellent pianist and her playing shows a refined touch, repose and musical intelli-Her temperament and expressive qualities comgence.

the forming of an operatic club to this end, which has met with much success and appreciation from the public, Graves Thompson is a composer and a musician, who, having been chosen for second place in the vocal department of the Sacks School, must be qualified for the work or the position would not have been offered by the management, which is well qualified to make a wise choice in the selection of the faculty for the school, which has won such a splendid following since its organization. A catalogue of a very attractive nature is being issued.

ISOBEL MCCARMICK

Arthur van Eweyk Here.

Arthur van Eweyk, the Dutch-American baritone, who will make a concert tour this coming season, a rived in New York Tuesday of last week aboard the steamer Tiltgln from Copenhagen, Mr. Van Eweyk left immediately for Milwaukee, where he is visiting friends. The singer will be heard in the Eastern cities during the autumn and

Christine Miller Engaged by Mendelssohn Club.

The Mendelssohn Club of Chicago has engaged Chris-tine Miller, the popular Pittsburgh contralto, for its most important concert this winter, set for February 16.

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